

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on March 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donald Becker at 7pm.

Present: Becker, Anderson, Gehris, Semenick, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes from February 13, 2018 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for the General Fund and Water Fund.

February 2018

General Fund

Income	\$73990.27	Disbursements	\$60780.62
Balance on Hand	\$244718.83		

Water Fund

Income	\$16838.59	Disbursements	\$17724.98
Balance on Hand	\$74626.95		

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

The Township went to court over a couple of zoning issues and they are being resolved according to court rulings.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica is at one of her other units for Board of Review.

There were 3 petitions at the Board of Review meeting held today.

Fire Authority:

Training on the ladder truck is still ongoing for the firemen.

The texting system was out for a week for firefighters. Don is going to ask why at the next fire board meeting.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority:

The punch list isn't being worked on as it should be.

The training for the new water plant is supposed to start this week.

Permits are okayed from the DEQ. We can start using the new plant when it is ready.

We are paying for a portion of the pond enlargement.

Did the Water Authority respond to the MTA request for response to the new lead/copper regulation changes the State is proposing. Not so far, we will get a response together.

We are not changing our meters for the water pits like Sims. We are not going to be contributing anything towards them changing over. Sims is spending between \$250,000-\$300,000 to replace their readers.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station:

The meeting went well for us. The former Supervisor from Sims confronted the Board about the way things are going between the 2 Townships and wanted to let the Board know how disappointed he was that after years of working well together that we are having so many problems at the Cemetery.

Costs for Transfer Station used to be based on 50/50 basis. In 2007 it was changed to 50/50 for fixed costs and dumpster cost were to be divided based on parcels in each Township. We need to find out if we are still doing this or not.

Should the auditors be figuring like they do for the Water Authority?

Sims generates more trash than Whitney, so they should pay more for their portion of the trash bill.

There are no bylaws for the Cemetery/Transfer Station Board that can be found. We do need to come up with some, but it may take court action to get it done.

Public Comment:

APM Presentation-Chuck from APM came to discuss the mosquito season.

*He informed the Board that they have found another facility in AuGres Township to store equipment.

*Phil Swartz has retired, he trained 2 people last year to be able to take over his job. Blake and Gina are going to be working in our area as well this year.

*APM has purchased an electric truck to use, but it will be used gently at first to see what it can handle.

*There were larvae found on March 27th last year, so they are going to be trying to get started soon to take care of early stage mosquitoes.

*They were \$3500.00 to \$3800.00 under budget for the year. Lots of calls in July because there was a lot of rain.

*They have started to call people for off road spraying to get people signed up.

*The season went well for Whitney Township last year.

*There were 4 positive tests for West Nile virus last year, but none in our area.

*The FAA letter was sent out last month.

B. Boensch asked if the Township owned the water tower and he was informed that Whitney does own the tower.

Old Business:

Alabaster/Whitney Drain Meeting- there was a meeting here last week about cleaning out the drain. Iosco and Arenac County Drain Commissioners are handling the issue. Was there a meeting for necessity called for?

Michigan Class- the paperwork was sent in for setting up the accounts and we have received emails welcoming us to the program.

Tax Collection- 96.5% of Summer taxes were collected and 94.3% of winter taxes were collected.

Pinewood Subdivision bid for road- We received the updated bid for doing Pinewood and it was signed by Kim, Don, and John when received. Scott and Fran signed at the meeting tonight.

New Business:

Budget Amendments- there were a few amendments that needed to be done.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve budget amendments.

Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing- The meetings will be held on March 31, 2018 at 9am.

Mosquito Control Mileage Renewal- The mileage needs to be renewed, so we need to get it on the August ballot.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to put renewal for 5 years on August ballot.

Bids for Lawn Maintenance- North Coast is our current lawn care company, but we need to bid for the new season. An ad will be placed in the Arenac Independent asking for bids.

Parking Lot Re-sealing- It has been a couple years since it was done last and needs to be done again. Do we want to have the larger spots dug out and pounded down?

We will get a price.

Mr. Matheson from the Zoning Board of Appeals has passed away, so we had to replace him on the Board. We were lucky to find someone quickly to take his place.

The Township might want to think about getting someone lined up for some of the other positions that could be opening due to age or retirement. We need to see if there is someone interested in doing these jobs and would be able to work with the current person to get trained.

Public Comment:

Boensch- asked about road mowing and whether the Township had the insurance/liability/workers comp information for the person who was doing it. It was provided to the County.

Pay the Bills:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to pay the bills and any that come in later.

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

