

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on December 12, 2017

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

Present: Becker, Anderson, Gehris, Semenick, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General and Water Funds
November 2017

General Fund

Income	\$56203.84	Disbursements
\$11711.07		

Balance on Hand	\$185327.16
-----------------	-------------

Water Fund

Income	\$118980.43	Disbursements
\$57953.34		

Balance on Hand	\$76995.51
-----------------	------------

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

Zoning Report:

Ernie has written 3 letters and is working on a couple more.

Assessor's Report:

Board of Review meeting was held today.

Getting ready to do the 2018 values for taxes. There is going to be a 2.1% increase on taxes for 2018.

CPI is currently at .9%

Fire Authority:

Nothing really going on, except that they had a party for the firefighters.

Water Authority:

There have been a few hiccups down at the plant and there is an 8:30 am meeting on Thursday with the Engineers and Contractors.

Cemetery/Transfer Station:

There is some more accounting stuff that came in since the meeting on December 4th. John is still helping with the accounting issues that are going on.

Public Comment:

B. Boensch asked about the 8:30am meeting Thursday and whether it was an open meeting. He was informed it was not an open meeting. He also asked about the 2% money that the Township got and was told that the money was to go towards roads, just like the paperwork said it would.

Old Business:

Michigan Class Presentation- John has been considering investing with Michigan Class and a representative of the company has come to give a presentation about the company.

* current rating is ~1.27%

* Everything is done online.

* There is no limit on what you can have in the accounts.

* There are 430 participants in the pool of investors.

* The company can do what the State regulations say that they can do. They must follow all regulations and laws set by the State.

* 72 of 83 Counties in the State are participating in the investor pool for Michigan Class.

* We can have as many accounts as we need.

* There are no penalties for taking money out of accounts or moving money around.

* There are only 10 items that the State allows municipalities to invest in, 2 of them are banking accounts and Michigan Class is one of the other options for investing.

* We would make a better interest rate from Michigan Class than we would from the banks.

* The participants of the pool vote in Board Members that run the funding pool.

* No fees to enter the pool and no penalties for moving money around. The banks may charge fees for moving the money (ex. Wire transfer fees).

* We must update our investment policy to fit with the State laws. We are going to have Mr. Eppert look at it before making the changes and finalizing the policy.

Paving in Pinewood- Mr. Zimmermann thanked the Board for getting the repairs done that the Road Commission didn't finish the first time.

They discuss the roads in Pinewood at a December 4th meeting with Don and have come up with a plan for what they would like done: North to Northeast; Northeast to Center; Center to West; and West to North.

They want speed limit and children at play signs, as well. We would have to check into that.

We need to come up with all the roads that we want to work on so Don can try and set up an earlier meeting with the Road Commission to schedule our roads that we want done.

Cemetery Payment- Sims has asked for our share of the payments used for running the Cemetery to be re-instated.

They are doing better with the financial information that we have asked for, but there are many other issues that are still not resolved.

Do we give them the money or not? At this point the Board decided to not re-instate payments.

We want to re-organize the Boards to make it smaller and more efficient.

New Business:

MTA Conference in April- The Board needs to decide who is going to attend the Conference, because registration begins next month. All the Board Members expressed interest in attending.

New Tables for the Hall- In 2015 the Board approved ordering new tables, but the tables kept coming in damaged. We haven't tried to order again due to all the problems, but it was suggested that we get the plastic tables instead of the wooden type.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve purchasing new plastic tables.

Bids for Snow Plowing at the Hall/Lawn Equipment, Snow Plow and Truck- There was no bid request sent out for snow plowing.

We could just buy a truck or tractor and hire someone to do it for us. That idea was rejected. We should just go ahead and hire someone to do the plowing.

We are going to call North Coast to see if they would continue to do the plowing for the Hall this year.

We should have done this back in the fall and will have to start the process earlier next year.

We should try to pre-screen the bidders before we send the bid out.

Call North Coast to get the contract extended, if possible.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to re-hire North Coast for plowing.

2% Distribution Money- We received \$1000.00 for the general fund and \$18000.00 for roads.

Board of Review Training- There are 2 new members of the Board of Review and they are going to need to go to training to learn how to do the job.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded McAlindon, CARRIED to send Board of Review Members to the training.

US Census- We need to register someone from the Township to make sure addresses are correct for the Census.

Don thinks that he has already sent in the paperwork. The deadline is December 15, 2017.

We are going to have to hire someone to enter/check all addresses in the Township to make sure they are correct for when the Census workers that are doing the counting start to work on the actual Census.

Kim is going to check to make sure whether we registered or not.

We will need to find someone to do the work.

Public Comment:

Can we post special meetings on the website? Kim will check into how to do it.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

