

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of Whitney Township
Held on March 12, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Donald Becker at 7:02pm.

Present: McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson

Absent: Semenick

Minutes:

February 12, 2019 Meeting

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the Minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting, as printed.

February 26, 2019

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2019 with a review to be done by John Gehris to make sure all numbers were changed correctly.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Department

February 2019

General Fund

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| Income | \$87195.40 | Disbursements | \$50155.50 |
| Balance on Hand | \$182231.67 | | |

Water Department

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| Income | \$15082.78 | Disbursements | \$8644.15 |
| Balance on Hand | \$56951.93 | | |

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. 95% of the taxes have been collected for the 2018 tax year.

Zoning Report:

*There is a property that has moved two garages onto their lot, they have been red tagged and have until May 31st to move to a new location or meet the setbacks.

*Another trailer was red tagged for being on property without a house on the property. They were also told to remove sign about deer growth. They must be removed by the owner's earliest convenience or May 31st deadline.

*Moving forward with contempt of court on a property on US 23. The same owner will be sent another letter about the home on the land side that they own, also.

*There is a S-10 truck parked in someone's yard that is all painted up and it has no current tags or other required paperwork to go with it. Owner states it will be gone when snow is gone.

*Trailer on Vera Lane has been taken to court and the owner was told to remove tree laying on trailer. There has been nothing done and Michael has contacted Mr. Eppert to work on getting the situation resolved.

Assessor Report:

Board of Review is in full swing right now. Jessica was at one of her other Townships tonight.

Fire Authority Report:

There is nothing to really report. Don has spoke to Fire Board about getting the mileage rate lowered like Fran talked about last month. The Board will not consider, because they are going to be updating outdated equipment.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

DEQ has contacted the Attorney General about the lead and copper testing results. There is another issue with the way the Chairman is doing things without board approval.

There needs to be a discussion on who the voting members of the Authority Board are.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to appoint Kim as a voting member of the Authority Board.

Call Scott McAlindon Thursday morning about Authority Meeting, so he can attend.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station:

Whitney didn't attend the March 4th meeting, so there was no quorum present and the meeting was not called to order.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal asked about Consumers Bill and how the Board felt about the job North Coast is doing on the plowing and salting.

April 24th there is going to be a meeting between the Equalization people, County Treasurer, Assessor, and Township Treasurer's discuss issues that are going on.

Old Business:

MTA Meal for Local Chapter Meeting- Scott was asked to come up with some ideas on food for the meeting that we will be hosting in April. He is going to do pulled pork and macaroni and cheese. The rest of the Board will have to come up with what they want to make or bring to complete the meal.

2% Grants- Scott asked the Board how much he was supposed to request for the following items:

1. Water Meter Replacement- \$40,000.00
2. Roads- \$10,000.00-18,000.00
3. Audio System for Hall- \$1700.00

New Business:

MTA Class- There is a Planning and Zoning class in May that we need to decide who is going to attend.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve up to 7 people attending the MTA Class in May.

Lawn Bids- It is that time of year again to do the bid process for lawn care for the hall. Kim has been assigned the task of putting an ad in the newspaper seeking bids.

Roadside Mowing- Should we continue to use Ken Swartz for mowing the shoulders of the roads.
Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to continue with roadside mowing with Ken Swartz.

Road Bids- We have received the bids for all the roads that we requested the Road Commission to work on and they just need to be signed, so we can take them to Road Commission Meeting on March 18, 2019. The bids total up to \$50586.00.

Short Term Rental Ordinance- The Planning Commission decided at their special meeting to send the ordinance to the Township Board, but no one from the Planning Commission was present to present it to the Board.

There was a discussion about the removal of the word variance from the Ordinance.

We will try to get Mr. Eppert here for the next Township Board Meeting to explain the changes that he recommended for the Ordinance to the Township Board.

Where is the deterrent in the Ordinance against people buying houses in the Township to using their property as strictly rental properties?

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk