

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting
Held on May 14, 2019

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

Present: Semenick, Gehris, Becker, Anderson, McAlindon
Absent: None

Minutes:

April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019 meeting, as printed.

May 3, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from May 3, 2019 special meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets

April 2019

General Fund

Income	\$13388.65	Disbursements	\$25691.50
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Balance on Hand	\$189361.82		
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Water Department

Income	\$16672.42	Disbursements	\$8577.34
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Balance on Hand	\$52689.56		
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

278 N. Huron Rd.- the court handed down a contempt of court to each of the residents of the property for 15 days and \$400.00 fines. They want to make payments and it may have been stated in the court order that they can.

Demolishing a trailer on Vera Lane has been okayed by the court.

Moved McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to demolish the trailer on Vera Lane. Call Denny Killingbeck about doing the demolition.

There were 2 letters sent out for blight and 11 land use permits handled by the Zoning Administrator.

Court Appearance Pay for Zoning Administrator- He would like to get paid an extra amount for going to court. Court can take a whole day. He would like \$50.00 each court day.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to pay \$50.00 for court dates. He will also continue to get mileage.

Demo Permits at the County- they need to inform the Township when a demo permit is issued. Demo permit requires a land use permit before it can be done. What happens if the demo isn't done right? The Zoning Administrator will check with the County.

Assessor's Report:

We are wrapped up with 2019 starting on 202 information. Each assessor will be doing the address changes and maintaining their own database.

The computer in the assessor's office is now backed up with the current data.

There is a person who is receiving mail for 2 different addresses and she called to question which address is correct, she is having trouble with her mortgage company because of the problem.

Fire Authority Report:

Meeting is this week on Thursday

Treasurer for the Board has had a stroke.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

There is a new chairman for the Board, Semenick was appointed to the job after Mackie resigned.

There was a special meeting on May 6th and B. Mackie resigned as chairman. He was getting us a bad name with the employees and the DEQ.

The Board should be supporting employees not belittling them.

Raise for Water Authority Members- Semenick suggested changing the per meeting pay to \$50.00 instead of \$35.00. Anderson suggested \$40.00 instead.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to increase pay to \$40.00/meeting for Water Authority Board Members.

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

McAlindon and Semenick met with 2 people from Sims Township to try and work out the issues with the Cemetery.

McAlindon set up the meeting. There were some ideas that were well received by all that were involved in the meeting. They discussed the following topics:

- Modify the employee handbook to allow 1 employee to work at the Cemetery.
- Gehris & J. Mackie will work together to get the right financial information
- They agreed to set up a smaller Board- 3 from each Township and work on the ordinances to come up with an operational manual.
- Annex the beach area to Sims Township and any money spent on the beach area would be paid for by Sims Township only.
- There will be by-laws written for the Board to work from.
- Only 3 people from each Township can vote.
- Whitney needs to decide whether we should move forward with the proposed ideas from the Meeting with Sims. McAlindon and Semenick will work on something and bring it to the Township Board before taking it to Sims Township.

June meeting is coming up the 1st Monday of the month. Money will be taken for Transfer Station and not for the Cemetery.

The flags were changed at the Cemetery on Monday and Whitney Township had more people there than Sims Township had.

We are going to see if we can move the meeting date to a day where McAlindon can attend. McAlindon can do Thursdays.

Semenick will start writing the by-laws and get with McAlindon.

Public Comment:

Fil asked about Cemetery/Transfer Station not having any real schedule for meetings that are formally written down. People hunting on 7 acres across the street from the Cemetery that is part of the Cemetery property. It needs to be discussed at a Joint Board Meeting to decide on anything.

Old Business:

MTA Meeting and Training- There is a training on Assessing on June 25th in Frankenmuth. Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to allow whoever wants to attend to go. Meal reimbursement for Local Chapter Meeting was discussed and no action was taken.

Meter Replacement and Water Rates- Meters will be replaced over the next 5 years at 144 meters a year, if possible.

The employees are willing to do the meter replacement are on their owns for so much for each meter. Semenick doesn't want to do anything right now, because he doesn't think the employees should be doing it.

Rates need to be changed according to the rate study that was done. New rates should be \$65.00 for a ready to serve fee and \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons.

The meters are getting to the end of their life span.

Semenick and McAlindon don't think we should do a rate increase until we know whether we get the 2% grant. There is a chance we won't get it and then we will have to raise the rates anyway.

Lawn Bids- There were 4 bids received and Anderson opened them in the meeting.

North Coast Landscaping- \$45.00 per mowing; Spring Clean-up \$200.00; and Fall Clean-up \$300.00

Flynn's Landscaping- \$45.00 per mowing with 26 mowing; Spring Clean-up \$65.00; Fall Clean-up \$100.00; and Weed Spraying per application \$65.00.

Lake Huron Landscaping- \$45.00 per mowing; Clean up \$125.00

Karl's Serv Pro- \$50.00 per mowing; \$70.00 per hour for any extras.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to accept the bid from Karl's Serve Pro.

New Business:

Water Meter Lock Cut on Vera Lane- the lock has been cut off and they have been using water. New lock was put on again on April 12th. Should the Township seek legal action against the person. Send a letter to the owner to let them know that cutting the lock off is illegal and they could be prosecuted. They owe over \$600.00 for water.

GIS Authority- should we join the Authority to do the maintenance of the existing GIS and the updating as needed.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to join the GIS Authority for Arenac County.

Windows 10 Update & Keys for IT Person- Don's computer needs to be updated to Windows 10.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to update Don's computer to Windows 10.

Tait would like keys to the building and the Board Members said no.

We need to send him a letter telling him he isn't living up to his contract. He wants a letter of recommendation to try and get a job for the Saginaw ISD. Give Tait another try and talk to Jeremy about being a back-up IT person.

Mowing Shoulders of the Road- has Don talked to him, not yet.

Newsletter in Taxes- there will be a newsletter in the summer tax bill. Semenick wants to have the Board approve the newsletter next month.

Road Bids- D. Killingbeck bid out the job for Van Horn Rd and Hammell Beach Rd for a lower price than the Road Commission.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to hire D. Killingbeck for both Van Horn Rd and Hammell Beach Rd.

Two tubes need to be replaced on these roads and the Road Commission is going to charge the Township for labor and the Drain Commission is paying for the tubes.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to use Eastern Dust Control for this year's dust control.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to adjourn at 9:17pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

