

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting
Held on June 11, 2019

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Semenick, Gehris, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Department
May 2019

General Fund

Income	\$32264.00	Disbursements	\$38207.07
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Balance on Hand	\$183418.75		
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Water Department

Income	\$24976.35	Disbursements	\$43751.63
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Balance on Hand	\$33914.28		
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

*Blight follow up- Carl St. 2nd letter sent out. Visited property and talked to new owners about clean-up needing to be done by July.

*Trailer on Deer Run Rd. parked too close to fire hydrant- followed up and trailer has been moved.

*2nd letter sent regarding expired plates on vehicle.

*1 Land use permit issued

*Called attorney for possible contempt on previous blight issue on Huron and Antonio St.

*Investigating blight condition on East St.

Assessor's Report:

Not much going on

Database comparison is in the works and there are 215 pages of corrections to be done by tomorrow.

July Board of Review Meeting on July 16, 2019

Fire Authority Report:

Not much to report.

The Board is looking for a new treasurer.

Sims Whitney Utility Authority Report:

Quiet meeting no real issues.

CCR report is done and been sent to Arenac Independent for publishing.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*The meeting day got changed so McAlindon could attend the meetings.

*Semenick thought it was a step in the right direction.

*Semenick has started working on by laws and wants to meet with McAlindon to review before meeting with Sims Township again.

*Sims Township has agreed to 3 members per Township for meetings rather than the 5 from each Township.

*Should we give them some funds out of account, maybe 2 quarters.

*The chairman position has to be addressed in the by-laws.

Moved by McAlindon, to give 3 quarters of payments, died for lack of support

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to pay 2nd and 3rd quarter payment from 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

MTA Class & Retreats in Bellaire- There are retreats for every position of the Township Board going on in July in Bellaire.

The Zoning Administrator would like to attend the retreat on Planning and Zoning July 9-10th.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to attend the July Retreat in Bellaire.

Water Rate Increase- Due to the need to replace water meters and increased costs we need to consider raising water rates to cover expenses.

Proposed rates from Michigan Rural Water are \$65.00 ready to serve fee, up from \$60.00 and \$5.60 per thousand gallons of water used up from \$5.00 per thousand gallons.

Proposed rates from Gehris are \$65.00 ready to serve fee and \$5.90 per thousand gallons of water used up from \$5.00 per thousand gallons.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the rate increase of \$65.00 ready to serve fee and \$5.60 per thousand gallons with the rates to be revisited in two years. Rates to go into effect July 1, 2019.

Demo Permit on Vera Lane- supposed to be done this week sometime.
Semenick said we should send the owners a bill for the demolition to create a paper trail.
Demolitions done by the County still have to be done correctly. The County must make sure it is done correctly and they are responsible if it is not done right.

Road Work- they have done Mackinaw Rd, Stowell Rd, Van Horn Rd. (both sections), Hammell Beach Road between Andrews and Van Horn Rd.

They have been grading the roads besides the stone being dropped.

Becker has been in contact with the Road Commission about all the roads.

New Business:

Dust Control- when Road Commission is done with roads then dust control will be done. It is being covered by the Township just like the last couple of years.

2% Grant Money- The Township received \$1000.00 for the general fund and \$5000.00 for water meter replacement that must be divided with Sims Township. The check has been sent to Sims Township, already.

Newsletter- the newsletter is done and at the place where they will be stuffed in the tax bills. It is already on the website, also.

Windows 10 Update & IT Discussion- Windows update still needs to be done.

He only comes when Don is here and has to keep calling Intensified to get help.

We need to decide whether to get rid of him or not.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED with a 4 to 1 vote to terminate the contract with Stephen Herrington.

Central Michigan District Health Department- the Health Department has gotten money to beach monitoring again for e-coli.

They called today to advise the Township that Dyer Rd. beach had high e-coli levels and was being closed.

Flower Beds & Lawn- do we eliminate the flower bed or take out all the plants and put in a tree or bush. The plaque will need to be moved either way.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to get a quote for eliminating the flower bed and turning into grass with the cost to be under \$350.00, if it is more it will be brought back to the Board for review.

We got a letter from North Coast asking for an apology after our performance evaluation last month, the Board is not going to act on the issue.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:17pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk