

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on October 9, 2018

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

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

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from September 11, 2018 meeting with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

92.5% of summer taxes were collected

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Department
September 2018

General Fund

Income	\$23292.17	Disbursements	\$126987.92
Balance on Hand	\$128602.29		

Water Department

Income	\$24651.21	Disbursements	\$20803.41
Balance on Hand	\$34295.21		

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

Killingbeck needs to be informed that he needs to finish the job on the septic field.

Zoning Report:

There is nothing major going on. Ernie and Don must go to court for a contempt hearing.

Assessors Report:

Not here she is attending a meeting at another Township
Need to talk to her about answering phone calls.

Fire Authority Report:

Truck went out for a call and it was a false alarm caused by ADT Security Systems, they should have to pay for the false alarm.
Next week is the Board Meeting.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

Sprinkler system for lawn at the plant would have to be replumbed to use raw water instead of treated water. Someone should check on price.
Windows were worked on yesterday and have not heard if they are totally fixed
Raindance is not being paid in full until the driveway is fixed.
Mr. Schnettler covered the waterlines and shut off for his house with his new cement driveway.

There was a water leak at another property that was caused by the owner or his employees and he is being billed for the excavating costs and labor for the employees being there while the work was done.

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The deadline for Sims to respond to our letter has passed. The Arenac Independent and Bay City Times need to be contacted about doing a story on the problem. Make sure the information that is given is accurate.

Public Comment:

*Fran thanked everyone for the cards and calls when his wife passed away.

*The windows sills came in damaged and were installed even though damaged. The company is supposed to be taking care of the problem.

*We will get the money from Spicers one way or another for the windows we replaced.

Old Business:

2% Tribal Grant- Don applied for a grant for the roads.

Roads- We are ahead on the 5 Year Road Plan.

*We need to get with Turner Township to see if they are willing to cost share for a mile of Mackinaw Road. If not do a quarter mile section from Turner Road past Michael Deneut's house.

*Swartz Road to Turner Road was wrong in the minutes from last month.

*We have used our match money for next year.

*We should consider paving Hammel Beach Road up to Tonkey Road or Delano Road. We should bring it up to the Road Commission at our annual meeting with them. It would benefit the Township residents and the Township itself. We would help pay for a portion at the Township level.

*Whitman Road is getting bad.

*The Road Commission tried to get the Township to do the work on their roads.

*The road that should have been in last month's minutes was Mackinaw Road from Swartz Road to Turner Road.

*The Board wants to move Stowell Road up to 2018 on the Road Plan.

Water Meters- There was a large miscommunication with Badger Meters. We do not have to change all the meters like we were told. We must update our computer program to get the system we have back up to right performance level.

*The software upgrade was quoted out by SLC Meters for \$12,700.00.

*SLC Meters and Badger tested 3 of our meters that were in storage at the water plant and they all failed.

*SLC is meeting with the Authority again at the end of the month.

*ETNA was looked at and their meters wouldn't work. Neptune was looked at as well and they are cellular based and cellular doesn't work here.

*We need to start replacing some of the older meters because they are getting old and contain lead.

New Business:

IT Service- Techs can't get here when stuff needs to be worked on. Check around for a new company to work on our IT stuff.

Tim Kelly does some work on computers.

We need a better response time from the IT people

Zoning Administrator Position- Ernie would like to see if he can get some help, because of medical issues with his family causing him to be away a lot lately. The job is not going to get easier either so it would not hurt to get him some help.

*Don suggests we get him an assistant to help with the work load.

*Put an ad in the paper looking for someone to help Ernie out. There is someone interested from Sims Township to do the job, but we would like to try to find someone of our own rather than sharing with Sims Township.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to put an ad in the paper looking for an assistant Zoning Administrator.

Bid Review- We only received one bid for snowplowing.

North Coast Landscaping

Bid attached

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to accept North Coast's bid with the stipulation that they do the sidewalks like stated in the bid.

Township Property on Delano Road- The 160-acre parcel used to be in the HAP Program, but there have been budget cuts and we are no longer in the program. The Township would be responsible for all liability for people being on the property.

We need to put gates up on the driveways, at least 6" pipe with no chains.

Fran stated that the deed says the property is supposed to be used for hunting,

Garage Lawn Reseeding- The lawn around the garage looks terrible, it is all weeds.

Killingbeck has given us a quote for striping the lawn, bringing in new dirt, and seeding for \$1915.00.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the bid for replacing the lawn around the garage.

Recreational Marijuana Law- The Township would have to do an "opt out" document if the new law passes, unlike with the medical marijuana law.

Planning Commission Meeting- both legal opinions must be brought up at the Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission Member Appointment- Michael Deneut's term is up and he needs to be re-appointed to the Board. We are also looking for a new member to replace Ron Idzior. Bob Boensch said he would like to be on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to reappoint Michael Deneut to the Planning Commission.

MTA Dinner Meeting- We need to know who is attending the dinner, so Kim can send a check for the meals.

Scott, Fran, Don, John, Carol, Ernie, and Sandy are going to attend.

Carpet Cleaning- The carpet needs to be cleaned, but it should wait until after the election.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the carpet getting cleaned after the election.

Rent for Hall Increase- Since people are not taking care when they rent the hall should we increase the rent and security deposit to encourage people to take more care when they rent. If this increase doesn't cause people to be more careful we may stop renting the hall.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to increase the rental fee to \$150.00 with a \$50.00 cleaning refund which is only to be given back if hall is clean when renter is done.

Pay the Bills-

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40pm

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk