

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting
Held on August 13, 2019

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Semenick
Absent: McAlindon (teleconferenced in)

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Department.

July 2019

General Fund

Income	\$30611.51	Disbursements	\$52682.40
Balance on Hand	\$153700.92		

Water Department

Income	\$29799.95	Disbursements	\$9027.01
Balance on Hand	\$61160.03		

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

Zoning Report:

*Blight issue on North East Drive- boat and trailer with no plates and the yard has a lot of junk on it. The owner has removed the boat and trailer and is working on cleaning up the yard.

*N. Huron Rd there is a garage that has partially collapsed and there is a travel trailer with expired tags. There has been a letter sent to the owner of the property.

*Carl St blighted yard and abandoned vehicles and a trailer with no plates. There has been a letter sent to the property owner.

*Checking into an ownership issue with a property on N. Huron

*Court date for Brady Trust has been cancelled, because the fine was paid in full before court date.

*M. Fil has checked with the County on container home issue discussed last month. The County said that they must meet State codes during construction.

*There was another complaint about 287 N. Huron, M. Fil is going to check on the property again.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica was at another meeting, so she was unable to attend.

Fire Authority Report:

There was a mention of the accidents that took place just south of the hall.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Trying to get a handle on everything still.

Towers will be inspected in October.

Still working on getting a meeting set up with Spicers to try to come to an agreement about how much the Authority should be reimbursed for all of the engineering issues that happened during construction.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*Someone needs to contact Sims to see when we are actually meeting, because we are hearing two different dates. The date was set for August 27th and Sims is claiming it is September 3rd. Becker said that he would email B. Mackie to see when the meeting is actually going to happen.

*The Sims Township Board is still trying to sell a slice of the Cemetery property to Mr. Kozyra, no matter what Whitney Township thinks. They are meeting with him on September 3rd to discuss the issue. This information was given to the Board by S. McAlindon.

*Judy has still not sent a diagram of the area that was going to be surveyed at the Cemetery.

*Becker still feels we need to go to court over everything that is happening.

*There are some residents that think we should give out placards to residents to hang in their cars with the winter tax bills to be able to use the Transfer Station. If they don't have the placard then they can't use the Transfer Station. This is to cut down or eliminate outsiders from using the Transfer Station. If people have more than one car then they must buy another placard. It should be discussed at the next meeting of Cemetery/Transfer Station Board.

Public Comment:

Mr. Hallenbeck presented some information on his building project at 32 N. Huron Rd.

*Consumers had him move his gas line and told him that he couldn't build within so many feet of the power line.

*His proposed site is right over the water meter and curb stop. The curb stop was damaged when the contractor started digging the footings for the building.

*It took them a long time to get the gas line moved and then it took more time to get approval for how far from the power lines they had to be.

*Becker has gone down and checked on the site.

*The homeowner dug holes to check for the water lines to make sure they wouldn't hit any water lines. He didn't find the curb stop when he was digging.

*The land use permit was issued and building permits were issued, also. The resident would like to know why they are now not being allowed to build even after following all the rules.

*There was a Miss Digg done and they marked the water lines and the resident asked why they didn't realize that the water meter was inside the marked foundation, so why did they get approval to do the project.

*The resident wants to know if they can have the meter and curb stop moved.

*We need to know definitively where the road right of way is, before any decisions are made.

*The resident would have to pay for the whole project of moving the meter pit and curb stop.

*What do we do about this situation? We need more information on the road right of way.

*The resident needs to get a survey done and then the Board will have a special meeting to discuss the issue.

P. Cardinal- thinks we should make it right with the Hallenbeck's on their garage project.

B. Boensch- complained that the Hallenbeck's were given more than 3 minutes. Becker explained that they were on the agenda and we just moved them up on the agenda. He also started asking about the

tower money that comes from the Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority and where it goes. He was told that the money goes into a separate tower account under the water department. He was told again that this issue has been addressed before and we are not discussing it any further. If he wanted further information come to the Authority meeting on Thursday, because a copy of the water agreement between the two Townships was going to be discussed.

Old Business:

MTA Class- The Planning Commission is going to a training in Frankenmuth on the 20th of this month. There are two classes offered in September and then the "On The Road" meetings are taking place in October. We can decide in September if anyone wants to go to the "On The Road" meeting.

Dust Control- done

Flower Garden- done. The plaque that was by the garden is either going to be moved closer to the Fire Barn or mounted outside the Fire Barn doors.

New Business:

Special Planning Commission Meeting- Monday, August 19, 2019 there is a special meeting of the Planning Commission to review the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and have public comment on the Ordinance.

Snowplowing Bids- There is to be an ad put in the Arenac Independent requesting bids for the job.

County Equalization- are we getting reimbursed for all the extra postage for all the tax bills that have been coming back to the Township. Gehris has talked to the County and they said that they used the Assessor's data, so the Assessor needs to get her database corrected. The Supervisor is going to have a conversation with the Assessor about why her database has so many errors and why she is not making corrections when requested.

Cross Connection Ordinance- The EGLE has requested that we get a Cross Connection Ordinance passed for the Township. They have requested that we have this in place by October 23, 2019. Anderson typed up the Ordinance based off the template that was sent to her by the EGLE person that handles the water plant, with one alteration to the Ordinance. The EGLE person said that we should make the last paragraph a civil infraction instead of a misdemeanor like there copy says.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, with a roll call vote to approve the Cross Connection Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Gehris- Yes

Becker- Yes

Semenick- Yes

Anderson- Yes

McAlindon- absent

Connection to AuGres- The City of AuGres has approached the Water Authority about connecting the two water systems, because they are going to have to take their tower out of service for repairs in May of 2020.

Semenick has met with the City Manager to discuss the issue.

AuGres would just be buying water from the Authority like Alabaster is doing now.

It was suggested that Sims and Whitney would have to pay a portion of the costs at 25% for each Township and AuGres would pay 50% being the breakdown of cost.

Whitney feels that we shouldn't have to pay for anything more than the meter and the valve. Sims would have to make their own decision about the cost.

There is a resident that has approached the Water Clerk about his property being billed for water on two different addresses, when there is only one house. This person gets two water bills one for 370 N. Huron and one for 374 N. Huron, but one property is an empty lot and one has a house. In the past if there is no house on a property then the water meter is shut off and locked and no bill is sent out for the empty property.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to shut off the meter for the empty lot.

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 the meeting at 9:05pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

