

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting  
Held on December 10, 2019

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann, McAlindon

Absent: None

Appointing new Trustee- Ralph Zimmermann has agreed to take over as a Trustee to replace Fran Semenick who resigned on November 19, 2019.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to appoint Ralph Zimmermann as a Trustee to the Whitney Township Board.

Minutes:

November 12, 2019

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes, as printed.

November 20, 2019

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes, as printed.

November 21, 2019

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets.

November 2019

General Fund

Income	\$52763.82	Disbursements
		\$101496.05

Balance on Hand	\$97080.78
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Water Department

Income	\$20102.05	Disbursements
		\$57398.98

Balance on Hand	\$54093.50
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

M. Fil gave his report and a copy is attached to the minutes.

\*Fines for failure to get a land use permit- builders and others are starting projects without land use permits. Should we institute a fine for failure to get land use permits? The Board should think about it for next meeting.

\*M. Fil pointed out that Sims Township has decided to charge \$35.00 for land use permits and fines of \$100.00 for failure to obtain a land use permit.

\*The DEQ is allowing Jersey Barriers along the lake front to stop erosion on the shoreline. Any resident with issues on the lake front should give their contact information to the Township Office.

#### Assessor's Report:

J. Landry sent an email with an update on what is going on in the Township regarding assessing, which is attached.

#### Fire Authority Report:

Purchase of lot by Kelly's will not be finished until after the first of the year. The Township has no control over what the Fire Authority Board does, they are a separate entity.

D. Becker has suggested to the Fire Authority Board to lower the mileage rate for everyone involved, but they are against lowering the rate.

#### Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

B. Mackie is the chairman again.

The Townships each need to consider making an extra contribution of \$10000.00 to increase the bank balance of the Authority, because it is getting low.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to contribute the extra \$10000.00, with the condition that if Sims Township doesn't agree to do the same Whitney Township will not contribute the \$10000.00 it agreed to contribute.

K Anderson is becoming the voting member for the Authority Board.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to appoint K. Anderson as the voting member of the Board.

#### Appointing Alternate to the Authority Board:

Sue Bear has agreed to be the alternate for the Authority Board.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to appoint Sue Bear as the alternate member to the Authority Board.

#### Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Next Meeting is December 18, 2019 at 6pm.

The Transfer Station permits haven't been received yet from Sims Township. The permits were authorized to be ordered at the September meeting.

Recycling may be ending after the first of the year, because Sunrise Disposal is discontinuing recycling services, due to costs. The Board is looking into other companies, but it is too cost prohibitive we may have to discontinue recycling at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal- asked about the re-keying of the hall. The attorney suggested that the hall should be re-keyed every couple year.

B. Boensch- asked about extra contribution to the Authority. He also asked about Special Meetings that were held. Both issues were explained to him.

M. Fil- asked about the Census

Old Business:

Par Plan Grant- We missed the deadline because the person who was doing the bid didn't get it to Anderson before the due date. We will try again in the spring.

MTA Conference- A decision needs to be made on who is attending the conference in April. R. Zimmermann, D. Becker, J. Gehris, and K. Anderson are all planning to attend. Registration begins on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Water Meter Replacement- the Board needs to come up with a plan for replacement. The discussion should be done at a Special Meeting. The Board decided January would be a good month to hold the meeting, a definitive date just needs to be determined.

2% Grant Distribution Update- Whitney Township received \$16000.00. There was \$15000.00 for water meter replacement, which will be split with Sims Township; and \$1000.00 was given for the general fund for general purposes.

Road Update- The Road Commission meeting is next week.

\*D. Becker received a request for a quarter mile of stone on the seasonal section of Mackinaw Road.

\*D. Becker did attend the Turner Township Board meeting to talk to them about getting work done on Mackinaw Road. Turner Township said that they would apply for a joint 2% grant with Whitney Township to get work done on Mackinaw Rd.

\*We need to get an estimate for stone on Lee Rd. and Mackinaw Rd. from Denny Killingbeck.

New Business:

Budget Amendments- There were two areas that needed amending; Deputy Wages and Township Board Miscellaneous Ads.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to amend the budget.

MTA Class in January and February- There are multiple dates for Board of Review training in January and February. The Board of Review members need to be consulted on who wants to go and which location.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve 4 people attending Board of Review Training.

There is an Authorities and Responsibility/What the Board needs to know about Board of Review class in January in Frankenmuth. Becker, Zimmermann, and Anderson would like to attend.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve 3 people to attend the January training in Frankenmuth.

Board of Review Meeting- There is a Board of Review meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Kimberly Anderson  
Whitney Township Clerk