

Minutes for Regular Meeting Whitney Township
Held on June 9, 2020

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

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

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Gehris went over fund sheets

May 2020

General Fund

Income	\$33679.90	Disbursements	\$23680.38
Balance on Hand	\$158195.82		

Water Department

Income	\$56173.69	Disbursements	\$123544.57
Balance on Hand	\$27654.17		

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

Zoning Report:

Zoning report is attached

*M. Fil spoke with the gentleman that has the seawall sign near the Singing Bridge, because it does not meet our sign regulations and it needs to be licensed by the State.

*There is an issue with the 4-foot fence regulation, M. Fil says we should change the Zoning Ordinance to increase the height requirement.

*Demo for 35 N. Huron Rd needs to be done.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry has signed her new contract; working on 2021 taxes; and there will be a July Board of Review Meeting.

Fire Authority Report:

There was a meeting last month

The fire department handled a lot of issues with the flooding that took place last month.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

No meeting last month

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*No meeting date has been set for the June Board Meeting

*Cemetery is still in litigation

*Transfer Station- Charlie Brown is going to be asking for compensation for handling the metal trailer. If he does not get some money, he may quit taking the metal.

*Need to look at an alternative for metal if Charlie Brown quits handling it.

*The shed has been ordered and will take 5 weeks to build. The employees are sitting in their vehicles for now to stay out of the elements.

Public Comment:

*M. Fil asked about when the next Fire Authority Meeting was. No one knew

*B. Boensch asked about the economic impact of the pandemic on the Township. He also asked about the Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority water tower issue- the Board would not comment, because the lawyer is handling the issue. Asked about Chairman jobs for the Boards, also. He was told that the Cemetery/Transfer Station Chairman job changes every year and the SWUA Chairman job is for 2 years.

Old Business:

Roads- The Board is still waiting for quotes from Killingbeck on Hammel Beach Road and Lee Road. The Board has had a request to put gravel at the end of Twining Road near the lake, because there are large potholes in the road.

The issue is tabled until McAlindon gets in touch with Killingbeck about the quotes, so it will be discussed next meeting.

McAlindon is now assigned inspecting the roads in the Township.

Dust Control will be done when the roads are prepared by the Road Commission.

New Business:

New Attorney- Anderson got in touch with Michael Homier about the Water Tower issue and he said that he could not handle it due to a conflict of interest, so he recommended an attorney from Braun and Kendrick out of Saginaw.

GIS Contract- The contract was not emailed to Anderson, so we will have to wait until we receive to decide what to do.

Rate Increase for Water- The Board had discussed previously based on information from Michigan Rural Water increasing the water rates yearly.

Gehris has calculated an amount for the increase of .11 per thousand, so the new rate would be \$5.71 per thousand.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the water rate increase rate of \$5.71 per thousand starting with the next reading for Section 1.

MTA Online Class Subscription- The MTA is offering a package for all Board Members and Commission to be able to take courses online for a group rate (see attached sheet)

The Board is not interested in taking classes online, so we will not be signing up for any package.

Water Shut Offs- Can we send letters out to notify people their water is going to be shut off. Do we give them extra time to get caught up? If we do give extra time, do we do 2 weeks or a month.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to give people 2 weeks to pay their water bills off once the letters go out.

Gehris is going to call MTA to make sure that we can start turning water off again or not due to coronavirus.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:06pm

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk