

Minutes for Regular Meeting for Whitney Township
Held on November 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Scott McAlindon at 7pm.

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

Minutes:

October 13, 2020

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting, as printed.

October 15, 2020

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Hanley, CARRIED to approve the Minutes from the October 15, 2020 Special Meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Gehris went over fund sheets

October 2020

General Fund

Income	\$14996.22	Disbursements	\$76120.99
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Balance on Hand	\$104952.96		
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Water Department

Income	\$32643.71	Disbursements	\$19413.91
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Balance on Hand	\$93779.07		
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to receive the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Fil gave his report of what happened since the last meeting.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. She sent an email with a copy of the letter she was sending out to people she was going to do field audits on, so that they were aware of her coming on their property. She has had people who were unhappy with her coming on their property, so she thought this letter may help with the problem.

She also mentioned the Board of Review Meeting that will be taking place at the Hall on December 16, 2020 at 11 am.

Fire Authority Report:

There was no quorum for the last meeting, so there is nothing to report.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Everything is going fine.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*McAlindon has spoken with Mackie about the Cemetery and is trying to resolve the last sticking point of the lawsuit. He is trying to resolve the issue, so that we do not have to go to court over the financials.

*Gehris is working on doing the financials to make them the way Whitney Township wants them to be done. It is taking a lot of time to set the financials up for the whole fiscal year to date and for the future reports.

*There was some money spent out of the Cemetery account for the new shed that should have been spent out of the Transfer Station account, that is going to have to be corrected.

*The Cemetery and Transfer Station accounts were not set up properly in BS&A to do the reports that are being asked for. They also should be set up as separate companies in BS&A to account for the monies separate from Sims Township's general fund.

*Gehris will be getting paid \$50.00/month to do the financials, but for setting up the financials to date he feels that it should be \$50.00/hour. There is a lot of work involved and without the accounts being set up right in BS&A there are things he must start from scratch on.

*The Cemetery and Transfer Station accounts should be audited separately from Sims Townships funds. They need to be audited like the Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority is.

Public Comment:

Boensch asked about the oath of office for the Authority Members. He was told that each Township swears in their own Board Members as appointees to the Authority Board. He also asked about who owns the mains and meters. That is being contended by Sims Township.

Fil asked when the oath of office was to be administered. He was told that the MTA suggests before the new term begins on November 20, 2020 at Noon. If they are not sworn in by January 2, 2021 then the person elected loses that position and a new person must be appointed to fill the office.

Old Business:

GIS Meeting Dates- the Board has set the dates of the meetings for the 4th Monday of each month to start and then they may change to quarterly once everything is all set up for the Board. The meetings will be at the Arenac County Courthouse at 6pm.

Supervisor Update- Scott McAlindon was appointed the Supervisor on October 15th and at the same time James Hanley was appointed to become a Trustee.

New Business:

Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance Review- During, updating these documents it was discovered that the Master Plan was written based on a law passed in 1959 and there has been a newer version passed in 2008. That means that the Master Plan needs to be reviewed by the attorneys to see if it is following the 2008 law, which means that the Zoning Ordinance should be reviewed also.

5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan- In reviewing this plan we discovered that there was going to have to be major parts of the plan re-written and the Planning Commission feels that the company that wrote the plan originally should be hired to make the changes.

Mosquito Control Contract- The contract needs to be renewed for Mosquito Control, but the Board needs to approve the contract first.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to renew the Mosquito Control Contract with APM.

Road Plan Meeting Date- A date needs to be set for the meeting to set up the new 5-year Road Plan. The Board has agreed to the date of December 2, 2020 at 7pm.

Election Results- There was great voter turn out for this election, we had 642 out of 870 voters turn out. The Township Board was all re-elected to their respective positions.

Water Tower Issue- Mr. Mackie's opinion is that they are willing to overlook the AT&T money issue if Whitney Township agrees to the Authority owning the water towers not the Townships. The Board will contemplate the issue and decide at the next Board Meeting.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk