

Minutes for Regular Meeting for Whitney Township
held on February 9, 2021

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

Present: Zimmermann, Becker, Anderson, Gehris, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Gehris went over fund sheets.

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

Tax Collection- Summer 2020- 97.42% collected; Winter 2020- 75.53% collected.

Zoning Report:

Fil asked about the chargeback for the demolition on Vera Lane.

Fil gave his report.

There is a property on Twining Rd that Fil wants to have demolished through the Township, but we have stopped this procedure because of the costs involved.

Assessor's Report:

Landry was not present for the meeting.

There are two resolutions that need to be passed for the Township to follow the law.

Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution- Passed

Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest Board of Review in Writing Resolution- Passed

Fire Authority Report:

Meetings are being done over zoom.

The air compressor on the truck has been fixed.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

The meetings have been done over zoom for the last couple of months.

The January Meeting there was a discussion of the Resolution that Sims Township passed about how water repairs were going to be paid for, but nothing was resolved.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/ Transfer Station Report:

Cemetery Case has been resolved and the Township does not have to go to court for the hearing tomorrow.

Each Township needs to find two alternates to serve on the Board, so when someone cannot attend there are 5 members from each Township present for the meetings.

The employees at the Cemetery and Transfer Station were told that they were going to get a raise last year, which was not voted on by the Board, and they are upset that they have not gotten the raises. Mr. Mackie is proposing \$15.00/hour for Cemetery Employee and \$13.00/hour for Transfer Station Employees, with the raises being retroactive to January of 2020.

The brush in front of the fence will be getting removed soon, Becker has talked to the gentleman who gave us a bid and told him to go ahead with the clean-up. Whitney Township will be paying for this work because it is in our Township.

Have not gotten any other bids for the Transfer Station Contracts, Republic turned in a bid and Waste Management gave us new pricing for the Contract, but no one has been able to talk to anyone from Waste Management about their pricing increases.

Republic also quoted a price for recycling.

Public Comment:

Boensch- asked about the tower account and how much money was in the account. Also asked how much money was spent on the Cemetery Lawsuit.

Old Business:

Roads- 5-year Plan needs to be finished. It was suggested to the Board that Becker and/or Gehris and Anderson come up with a list of the roads to work on and bring it to the next meeting for approval to save time. The Board was okay with that idea.

There is a new manager at the Road Commission and maybe he will be more open to the idea of Chip-n-Seal for some of the roads.

The Board will be looking to maintain the roads that are already done and trying to keep them in good shape as well as working on roads that still need to be done.

The cracks need to be filled in Pinewood to help keep them from getting even worse.

The Township has worked with residents to get work done on seasonal or damaged roads that are only slightly used.

This side of M-65 does not see a lot of work done to the primary roads and that has been going on for many years.

The dirt section of Twining Road needs to be looked at it is getting bad again.

Water Meter Replacement- the cost for Section 2 meters will be approximately \$81000.00- \$82000.00 with installation being included into that price.

New Business:

Salary Resolutions- the resolutions are done every 2 years and must be done at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

Zimmermann has an issue with the amounts being proposed and would like to see everyone on the Board just get a 2% cost of living increase.

The resolutions amounts being proposed would bring the wages up closer to the median wages on the MTA Salary Survey that is on their website.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED with a roll call vote, for a 2% cost of living increase for all Board Members and not to pass the salary resolutions that are being proposed with the

higher salary adjustments that were presented to the Board. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:
Zimmermann- Yes, McAlindon- Yes, Gehris- Yes, Becker- No, Anderson- Yes.
The motion passed for a 2% cost of living increase.

2% Grant Application- The applications must be in by March 31, 2021 and we should apply for the joint money with Sims Township for water meter replacement project. We could also apply for Road money and Security Cameras for the Township Hall.

Public Access Site- a resident asked about having a public access site at Hammel Beach Road or somewhere in the Township. It was explained that all road ends are public access sites. Boats can be launched from any of the road ends if they are smaller boats. The Road Commission is responsible for Road Ends, so anyone wanting to see the Road Ends improved would have to go to them to try and get them worked on.

Census Letter- Becker received a letter from the Census Bureau about how the census numbers effect funding for the area.

Budget Amendment Paperwork- The spreadsheet given to Board Members was just a written-out version of what was approved at the January Meeting.

Becker called for a motion to pay the bills, but the Board Members were discussing some issue that was addressed earlier and did not hear him. He got up and left the Board Meeting.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:14pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk