

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of Whitney Township
Held on April 13, 2021

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

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

Minutes:

March 9, 2021

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021, as printed.

March 17, 2021

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Pre-Budget Meeting for March 17, 2021, as printed.

March 27, 2021

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting for March 27, 2021, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Gehris went over the fund sheets for the General Fund and Water Department

March 2021

General Fund

Income	\$28897.19	Disbursements	\$25879.49
Balance on Hand	\$194083.01		

Water Department

Income	\$95109.61	Disbursements	\$96314.89
Balance on Hand	\$67109.32		

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

Zoning Report:

Fil gave his report to the clerk in writing.

Assessor's Report"

Board of Review handled 26 appeals.

Everything for the 2021 database is finalized and the Assessor is now working on 2022's numbers.

Fire Authority Report:

They have hired an engineer to do plans for the new fire barn.

The lot is not zoned for what the fire department intends to use it for, so they are going to have to come to the Planning Commission.

How is moving the fire barn going to affect the people who live in the country if it is moved?

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

No major issues, we did have a pipe break and do some damage in the plant. The employees handled everything and now we are just waiting on the parts.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Budgets were passed.

Republic is now handling the trash and recycling for the Transfer Station.

The ditch has been cleared at the entrance to the Transfer Station by Whitney Township. Becker has been in touch with the gentleman who did the work to see if he would be willing to work on extending the fence and doing some brushing on the property.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal asked about the Cemetery case, State Shared Revenue, and Local Community Stabilization Fund from the fund sheets Gehris provided.

B. Burke came to talk about the public transportation system switching from being a combined system with Bay County to just being run by Arenac County. The County is trying to form an Authority Board and they are looking for someone from our area to be on it.

P. Cardinal asked about what O&M, MBR, EFTPSA, and Remote Capture Fees from the fund sheets, as well.

Old Business:

Road Ditch Work- the Road Commission has started a pilot program for brushing the sides of the road, each Township is receiving a free mile of brushing. We have one project in mind that is a ½ mile, but we need to come up with the other ½ mile. We need to let the Road Commission know what roads we want worked on as soon as possible.

There are a couple of trees down along the Whitney Drain that need to be taken care of, according to M. Fil, so someone is going to have to contact Larry Davis from the Drain Commission to get him out here to look at them. There are a couple of trees that have fallen on the Dime Drain that need to be cleaned up, as well.

New Business:

Short Term Rental Issues- there are renting without having filled out the Short-Term Rental Application. We are going to need to start enforcing the Ordinance better. We have found some that are advertising on the VRBO and other websites.

The person that was renting over a garage has gone, but we need to monitor the situation.

We need to follow through on complaints about Short-Term Rentals.

M. Fil would like to have written complaints about Short-Term Rental violations, but the Board does not agree that they must be in writing.

The Zoning Administrator is available from 10-4 each day to answer phone calls from residents.

Business Expenses Worksheet- Gehris has come up with a Business Expense Policy and worksheet that he would like Board Members to fill out to go along with the time sheets or to replace the current time sheets. He would like to see the mileage being written out by date and how many miles for each date, not just done in a lump sum amount, the auditors have also said it would be a good idea.

There was a lengthy discussion on the topic.

Moved by Gehris, _____ to approve the expense policy presented by the Treasurer. The motion died for lack of support.

The issue has been tabled, so that a different form can be made up.

Yard Maintenance Quotes- We received quotes from 2 services:

Dennis Nelkie- \$60.00 per mow, with any extras like fall and spring clean up being done at \$50.00 per hour.

Karl's Serv Pro- \$65.00 per mow, with any extras being done at \$70.00 per hour. There will also be a gas surcharge if gas goes above \$3.00 per gallon, which will be \$5.00.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the quote from Karl's Serv Pro.

Driveway and Cement Work-The driveway needs to be re-surfaced and the Board needs to discuss and decide what to do.

In the past Duane Martin has done the job and he is very reasonably priced.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to hire Duane Martin to re-surface the driveway.

Cement Work- there is a piece of the sidewalk that is raised up, because of the tree roots, do we replace that or do we re-do the whole sidewalk. There are several bad spots near the fire barn doors, also.

Anderson will call around to get prices on replacing the bad sections of the sidewalk.

Pay the Bills:

Moved by McAlindon, 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 8:42pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk