

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Meeting
held on September 14, 2021

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

Present: Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann, McAlindon
Absent: Anderson

Minutes:

August 10, 2021 Minutes

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2021 meeting, as printed.

August 24, 2021 Minutes

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes for the August 24, 2021 Special Meeting, as printed.

September 2, 2021 Minutes

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes for the September 2, 2021 Special Meeting, as printed.

Gehris commented on the documents being found that the Board and Attorney were looking for.

Treasurer's Report:

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

August 2021

General Fund

Income	\$50110.98	Disbursements	\$26816.72
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Balance on Hand	\$230907.75		
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Water Department

Income	\$26543.48	Disbursements	\$15927.47
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Balance on Hand	\$106941.83		
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Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

Becker hasn't spoken with Josh Vinson. People on the lake are getting land use permits to tear down their old home and planning to build new ones- Becker is working with the County on this. Also, working on ordinance violations, ex. 2254 N. Huron- Becker has heard that the owners are going to try and sell. Rentals are on hold per State, Township is still in charge of permits to rent homes.

Assessor's Report:

Landry reported it is business as usual. She has classes on October 6th, 7th, and 8th. Her schedule will be a little different, but the schedule will be in her office.

Fire Authority Report:

Becker stated that all he knows is they plan on building a new fire barn, no architect for plan yet, but there is no rush. Talked about the trucks being switched in the fire barn.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Meeting is going to be on September 23rd this month, due to Anderson being out of town.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Becker says all is ok, fence and gate are finished. At the end of the month the Transfer Station will no longer be open on Sunday. It will reopen on Sunday's Memorial Day weekend of 2022.

New recycling unit is now smaller, we should be sure we are being charged for the smaller unit and not the larger one. Different prices for the 6 yarders vs. 8 yarders. There is good flow at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment:

Jim and Deanna Hanley were present and talked about their neighbors renting out their property. They referred to the Residential Rental Ordinance we passed in 2019. The neighbors are renting their property, but only taking tips or other gratuities instead of getting a permit. No guidelines followed- fires 5' from structure and parking all over. Short term- minimum of 3 days per Becker. Becker said she needs to follow ordinance regardless of payment method. Jim said her dog has bit him 3 times and animal control has been told. Becker stated that fires are controlled by the DNR, ordinance states no fires withing 50' of structure. Becker is temporary Zoning Administrator and he will have to handle the short-term rental problem. McAlindon asked Jim how neighbors house is being advertised as a rental, Jim does not know. Need a permit.

Deanna asked how to make them follow through with the permit process. Per Becker the following steps need to be taken

1. Zoning Administrator tells them about permit requirements.
2. Then if they don't comply, they are given a citation for non-compliance with the ordinance
3. After 3 violations they go to court

Short term rental can be addressed- per Becker as acting Zoning Administrator.

Becker may have to send owner a letter about Short-Term Rental ordinance.

Will be investigated by Becker.

McAlindon asked about checking price for new fence.

Old Business:

Digital Sign Update- A quote for aluminum sign, powder coated and Gehris is getting a quote on installing the sign. He will update the Board when he gets the quote.

New Business:

Resolution for State Trunk Line- A permit must be filled out every so often for the Township to be able to do things on the Right of Way, the State has sent us a resolution to be signed and sent back to apply for another permit. The contact people are Becker, Gehris, and Anderson.

Residential Water Pits- Becker wants to demo the house and garage at 1649 N. Huron Rd and wants the meter pulled.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to pull water meter and he will speak to the water department.

Grant Application Reminder- McAlindon must have them by the end of September- tribal money is given twice a year. We usually apply for roads, water meter replacement, and if anything, else comes up that we might need money for.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Susan M. Bear
Deputy Clerk
Whitney Township