

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Board Meeting
held on November 9, 2021

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

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

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Gehris went over the fund sheets for the General Fund and Water Department
October 2021

General Fund

Income	\$97900.98	Disbursements	\$52254.74
Balance on Hand	\$273476.48		

Water Department

Income	\$36533.45	Disbursements	\$49605.91
Balance on Hand	\$114366.84		

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

Meter Increase for larger meters- We increased the price for the standard size meter last month but failed to increase the price for 1" and larger meters. Gehris would like to see the price for a 1" meter increased to \$2700.00.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the increase for 1" meter to \$2700.00.

Water Meter Order- The employees at the water plant informed us that if we want to order meters for Section 3 to be replaced, we had better order now. They are a minimum of 6 months out to order meters, which means we need to order now to get them by the time we want to start on Section 3 in the spring.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to order the meters for Section 3, as soon as possible.

Zoning Report:

Becker has been handling all zoning issues and a number of land use permits have been approved. J. Vinson's return to work date was today and we are waiting to hear back from him on when he is going to back in the office.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was unavailable for the meeting tonight, but she did send a copy of the tax roll and a copy of the paperwork from a ruling by the State on a Veteran's exemption that was filed on behalf of the Township.

Fire Authority Report:

Everything is running smoothly.

The plans for the new building have not been sent out to bid yet.

There have been several false alarms at one of the marijuana businesses, but the owner has assured the Fire Chief that it is being fixed. The Fire Department is working up a bill to send to the owner for the false alarms.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Nothing new going on.

The Breach of Contract paperwork has been served to the Sims Township representatives of the Board.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Cemetery fence is done and Jesse Gordon still has some trees to be trimmed.

The 6-yard dumpsters have been removed and replaced with the 8-yard dumpsters we were supposed to get originally.

The new stickers for the Transfer Station have been ordered and should be in way before the new tax bills go out in December. When residents pay their tax bill, they will get the new sticker.

Public Comment:

*Dan Parker came to ask the Board if they were willing to help cover the cost of 4 trees on his property that need to be removed, due to a break in the water main on his property. There was a leak that flooded his property and killed 4 of his pine trees along the property line. There are 2 small trees and 2 larger ones that are dead, he is concerned that the bigger trees could fall over on his or his neighbors house in a strong storm. The Township needs to get in touch with Jesse Gordon to get a quote on what it would cost to remove the trees.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to have Jesse Gordon give the Township a quote on removing the trees and the Township will cover up to \$1000.00, if the quote is more than \$1000.00 the Board will have to discuss the issue at next month's meeting.

*There was a question about the new stickers and how much it will be to either get a second sticker or replace if it gets lost. The cost is \$20.00.

Old Business:

Digital Sign Update- Buchanan Builders said they would not go any lower on the price of installation than what was quoted.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Anderson, Roll Call Vote called for, to approve the original bid of \$29147.00 for Buchanan Builders to install the sign with the stonework.

Roll Call Results:

McAlindon- No

Zimmermann- Yes

Gehris- Yes

Becker- Yes

Anderson- Yes

Motion passes.

New Business:

New Computer for Clerk- Jeremy from Intensified Technology has given a quote for a new custom-built computer for the Clerk. McAlindon has asked if there is a warranty on the computer because it is not listed in the quote. He also asked why we were not getting a faster processor than an i5.

Moved by Gehris, to approve the computer purchase, died for lack of support

The topic of a new computer is tabled until next meeting, so Anderson can speak to Jeremy about the issues raised.

Gypsy Moth Spraying- can we do anything to prevent the gypsy moths or do we have to wait until they are here to take care of them.

Anderson will get in touch with Dawn at the Conservation District to see if there is a preventative measure that can be done or if we have to wait until there is an infestation.

Resolution for Opposing the Short-Term Rental Bill- McAlindon has created a resolution opposing the legislation being discussed in Lansing, which would take away the Township's ability to control short-term rentals. This was at the urging of the Township Attorney. The resolution was read by McAlindon.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, Roll Call Vote called for, to pass the resolution opposing legislation on short-term rentals.

Roll Call Vote Results:

McAlindon- Yes Zimmermann- Yes Gehris- Yes

Becker- Yes Anderson- Yes

Resolution passes.

Anderson will retype, so the resolution is formatted properly and send it off to our State Senator and other State Officials.

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 8:25pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk