

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Board Meeting  
held on December 14, 2021

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

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

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

November 2021

General Fund

Income	\$17409.17	Disbursements	\$31520.34
Balance on Hand	\$259365.31		

Water Department

Income	\$38010.31	Disbursements	\$50454.74
Balance on Hand	\$101922.41		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson has returned to work.

He has sent out letters to residents that have blight issues.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was holding a Board of Review meeting at one of her other units, so was unable to attend. Whitney Township's Board of Review meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11am.

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new going on.

The new fire barn has not been put out to bid yet.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

The employees would like to see the Whitney Township Tower to switch to LED lights. Sims Township's Tower is being switched due to wiring that has gone bad and needs to be replaced.

Does Whitney Township want to pay to convert to LED or wait for the lawsuit to be settled?

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to replace the lights on the Whitney Township Tower with LED lights. Each Township needs to be billed separately for the repairs.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

There is a meeting on December 30, 2021 at 7pm.

We would like all Board Members to attend, due to by law are only present for the Cemetery and not for the Transfer Station.

Leaves and driveway need to be discussed, along with a snowplowing issue.

McAlindon cannot attend the meeting and would like to do it over the telephone or computer.

Transfer Station Stickers- the stickers were not right and we will have to repurchase them again if we want the correct ones with a 25% discount. This will need to be discussed on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment:

T. Eaton asked about why the Township property on Delano Road is not available for hunting anymore. He was told because it was taken out of the DNR's HAP program and the Township does not want anyone on the property due to liability issues.

He had blinds stolen off the property and he is upset that we do not allow hunting anymore. He feels because he is a taxpayer that he should be allowed to hunt property. He was told that the Attorney would be contacted to see if there could be a release of liability form signed to allow people to hunt on the property.

Old Business:

Digital Sign Update- the sign has arrived and is being stored in the garage until it can be installed in the spring. Dennis Buchanan from Buchanan Builders came out to measure the sign, so the metal framework can be ordered.

Quote for Clerk's Computer- Anderson contacted Jeremy from Intensified Technologies for a quote for a faster processor like was discussed at last month's meeting, the quote was not received. In phone conversations with Jeremy, he said a faster processor like was being asked about could cost as much as \$1500.00 and then a different mother board would be needed to accommodate the fast processor. McAlindon would like to see the Township just buy a computer from a retail store to save money, he thinks the price is too high for the computer that Jeremy quoted.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED with a 4 yes to 1 no vote, to approve the purchase of the computer from the original quote for the Clerk.

Trees at 2587 N. Huron Rd- Jesse Gordon was contacted, but we have not received the quote.

Becker has gone down to look at the property in question and the leak that was supposedly the cause of the trees dying is on the opposite side of the property from the trees in question. It was suggested that the SWUA employees be consulted on where the leak was and whether it was near the trees in question.

New Business:

None

Pay the Bills:

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

Mediation on the Breach of Contract Lawsuit- the Attorney needs to know if the Board is willing to try third party mediation to try to avoid a court case. Mediation is not binding and if it doesn't work out, we can still go to court. There was a question about how much mediation is and how long it is going to take. It was explained that there was no time frame or cost discussed and we just need to know whether the Board is willing to try mediation.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, with a 4 yes and 1 no vote, third party mediation was approved with an agreement to find out how much and how long mediation is going to be.

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Kimberly Anderson  
Whitney Township Clerk