

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Meeting
held on January 11, 2022

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

Present: Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann, Anderson, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

December 2021

General Fund

Income	\$27977.83	Disbursements	\$38112.35
Balance on Hand	\$249233.80		

Water Department

Income	\$23166.32	Disbursements	\$10635.85
Balance on Hand	\$114449.88		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson was unavailable for the meeting, but he has been managing issues as they arise.

Assessor's Report:

Nothing much going on right now, except Board of Review training will be taking place at the end of January in West Branch.

Fire Authority Report:

Anderson was unable to attend the meeting so there is no report.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Nothing really going on.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The last meeting was held on December 30, 2021 in Sims Township.

McAlindon attended virtually.

Financials were not correct.

There is an issue with the stickers that were purchased not being right, so B. Mackie is going to check with Design Company in Standish on the price of what we want.

Republic is not doing a particularly decent job with things at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment:

D. Killingbeck made a comment about how nice the ditches look since they were cleaned up by the Road Commission with our free mile of brushing that was offered.

D. Becker asked D. Dittenber what the Road Commission is planning to do with the milage money and if any of it was going to be used in Whitney Township this year. Dittenber was not sure what the plans are yet, they are still trying to decide.

Old Business:

Release of Liability for Delano Rd. Property- Eppert was consulted and he said that the Township should not do any release of liability for someone to hunt on the property.

Mediation on Tower Property- the attorney was consulted and she informed Anderson that the mediation should take about 8-9 hours to complete if all goes well. The cost is anywhere from \$250.00-\$500.00/hour depending on what attorney is hired. Both Attorney's must agree on the attorney being used.

Gypsy Moth- McAlindon asked if Anderson had called the Conservation District about whether anything can be done to prevent the gypsy moth. Anderson had not contacted them, but there is a workshop on the topic this month at the Deep River Township Hall.

New Business:

Larry Davis from the Drain Commission- came to discuss 2 projects in the Township. He also introduced the new clerk for the Drain Commission office.

1. He explained that when work was done on the Dime Drain instead of putting new culverts, they did fjords. When we had the flooding in 2020 those fjords were filled in and need to be repaired. Larry applied for 2% money to repair and he got \$2500.00 and he would like the Township to match those funds to get the clean up done.
Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve the \$2500.00 match to repair the Dime Drain fjords.
2. Noble Road and Swartz Road Culvert- the ground around the culvert is washed out and in need of repair. A temporary fix would be approximately \$3000.00 with D. Killingbeck doing the work. The Township asked Larry how much it would take to fix it properly rather than putting a temporary fix in. He said that the job would have to be engineered and then put out to bid. The Road Commission would have to be consulted on the project, also. D. Dittenber was present from the Road Commission and he said that the culvert itself could be as much as \$18000.00, not including all the other work. Larry said he could have the project engineered and price put together for the next Board Meeting. The Board agreed to hold off until they know how much a long-term fix would cost.

D. Killingbeck would like to see Noble Road get paved. When asked D. Dittenber from the Road Commission said it would be \$150000.00/mile just for the paving. The road would have to be worked on to get it ready to pave, especially the seasonal section.

Someone asked if anything was gong to be done to Turner Road west of US-23. Short answer is not until something drastic happens, i.e., a bus falling into the drain.

Water Tower Fence- the fence was damaged by a tree falling on it during one of the last storms we had. It needs to be repaired due to security reasons. The cost is going to be \$1400.00 to replace one section of the fence.

The employees should be consulted on whether more trees should be trimmed from around the fence line. If they think it is a good idea Jesse Gordon will be contacted to do the job.

Conference- The Board Members need to decide if they are attending or not. Anderson, Becker, and Gehris are already registered, but the Trustees need to decide whether they want to attend or not. McAlindon said he could not attend and Zimmermann had to consult his calendar to see if he could attend. Zimmermann was told to let Anderson know as soon as possible, so if he can attend, she can get him registered.

Zoning Administrator Wages- are we paying him at least minimum wage. Anderson is going to consult Eppert to find out if the Township is required to pay salaried employees minimum wage or not.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk