

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Board Meeting
held on February 8, 2022

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

Present: Becker, McAlindon, Anderson, Zimmermann, Gehris

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

86.7% of the winter taxes have been collected, so far.

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

January 2022

General Fund

Income	\$61348.26	Disbursements	\$12062.78
Balance on Hand	\$298519.28		

Water Department

Income	\$26017.63	Disbursements	\$58840.11
Balance on Hand	81627.40		

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

Zoning Report:

Land Use permits were issued for a couple of properties.

There is a house that has a trailer and sign advertising a new marijuana business in Tawas. The sign is bigger than we allow in the Township and the trailer is too close to the road, but we are not sure if that is an issue the Township can oversee or not. Anderson will talk to the sheriff's department to see if we can oversee or if they need to do it.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry sent the taxable value number that Anderson requested for the ballot language. She is working with Equalization on the taxes. Board of Review is in March, also.

Fire Authority Report:

The request for bids was in the paper for the new fire barn at US23 and Hammel Beach Road.

One of the marijuana businesses had another alarm go off, when there was no fire. This has happened in the past and the owner was going to get the alarms fixed. There is new ownership or a new manager at the business, so they were going to check into it.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

There were several issues that were contentious at the last meeting with the Sims Township Representation. One issue was voted on and didn't pass, so the other issues that were to be discussed were not even brought up.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*We are still not getting the proper financial information from Sims Township that was supposed to be furnished per by-laws. We need to decide what to do because they are in contempt of court.

*Eppert was contacted about the issue and he said that we should FOIA the information along with a copy of the audit report.

*Gehris has contacted Yeo & Yeo about getting a reason they quit doing the audit for Sims Whitney Cemetery and Transfer Station accounts. The response that he has received is that we need to get a signed release from Sims Township for them to release that information. They were told that the accounts in question were 50% Whitney's so we should have access to the information, but there has been no further information received from Yeo & Yeo as of this meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Drain Commissioner Larry Davis- the engineer has looked at the culvert at Noble Rd. and Swartz Rd. The culvert would need to be bigger than the one that is currently in the drain. The estimate for the bigger culvert is somewhere between \$20,000.00 and \$27,000.00, but we need to find out if we only must pay half that amount due to agreement with the Road Commission about culvert replacement. Anderson is going to contact someone at the Road Commission.

The Drain Commissioner also thinks that he could do the project cheaper than the Road Commission could do it. He would oversee getting all the permits and the engineering completed. He needs to get a cost of excavating from Denny Killingbeck. He thinks the project needs to go out to bid.

Mosquito Control Mileage Renewal- The current mileage is set to expire this year, so a renewal needs to be placed on the August ballot. The language has been typed up and just needs approval from the Board by resolution. Resolution #2022-01 passed with the following roll call vote results:

Zimmermann- Yes McAlindon- Yes Gehris- Yes Becker- Yes Anderson- Yes

Gypsy Moth Spraying- We need to find out about spraying for Gypsy Moths in the Township. Anderson will contact Dawn Hergott from the Conservation District to get names for companies that do the spraying and contact said companies for pricing and time frame for spraying.

New Business:

Annual Meeting- The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9am.

Pre-Budget Meeting- There was a discussion on whether to hold the pre-budget meeting just before the Regular Board Meeting in March or set a different date. The date will be determined when everyone lets Anderson know what dates they are available to meet on.

Mediation on Water Tower Lawsuit- The mediation is taking place on Thursday, February 10th at 1:30pm at Jamie's office. Gehris and Anderson will be attending the mediation because they are the Members on the Authority Board and know how the Authority runs on a day-to-day basis. The attorney advised the Township to send only 2 people to the mediation meeting, due to Open Meetings Act regulations on quorums.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:07pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk