

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Meeting
held on April 12, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Donald Becker at 7:00 pm.

Present: Anderson, McAlindon, Gehris, Zimmermann, Becker

Absent: None

Minutes:

March 8, 2022 Special Meeting

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the Special Meeting

Minutes from March 8, 2022, as printed.

March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the Regular Meeting

Minutes from March 8, 2022, as printed.

March 26, 2022 Special Meeting and Budget Hearing

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the Special Meeting and

Budget Hearing Minutes from March 26, 2022, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

March 2022

General Fund

Income	\$47723.60	Disbursements
	\$43294.15	

Balance on Hand	\$321884.75
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Water Department

Income	\$28796.45	Disbursements
	\$114082.83	

Balance on Hand	\$39537.51
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson sent out 6 letters this week on various issues. He also heard from Mr. Eppert about a blight issue that he is trying to handle.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was unable to attend the meeting.

Fire Authority Board:

Bids will be opened at the next meeting for the new fire barn being built.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Gehris and Anderson are going to discuss the Tower Lawsuit with Jamie and let her know that we are ready to just take the case to court, mediation doesn't seem to be working.

We are also having some issues with people going into their meter pits and turning on their own water. The biggest offenders are the plumbers opening people's homes back up for the summer.

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Gehris is going down to Sims Township to help them produce financials that make more sense that what we have been getting.

Potholes (speed bumps) at the Transfer Station are getting work and we would like to see if we can get some asphalt millings if possible.

The rollers on the gate must have something done, so that they don't freeze up in the winter, because it is hard to get them open when they are frozen.

The price of the stickers that are going to be used to get into the Transfer Station can be set by each Township it doesn't have to be decided at the Transfer Station Board.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Anderson with a roll call vote, CARRIED to charge \$10.00 per sticker for any extra stickers for the Transfer Station.

Roll Call Vote Results are as follows:

Gehris- Yes Becker- Yes McAlindon- No Zimmermann- No Anderson- Yes

Next Meeting of Joint Board is June 30, 2022 at 7pm.

Public Comment:

*B. Burke brought in information on the by law changes that the GIS Authority wants to make, so that business can be conducted. The GIS Authority is having trouble getting enough people to attend the meetings to even get a quorum of the Board. The Board just must sign a sheet of paper approving the changes, because we are already signed up to participate.

*B. Burke also brought information on a new senior living complex being worked on in AuGres called New Dawn.

*There is a new lawn care company that came in to talk to Becker on Monday.

Old Business:

Roads- the Road Commission has sent 3 representatives to talk to the Township Board about what is happening this year and to discuss the match program changes made. The representative are Ken Stawowy, Brad Stauffer, and Dale Dittenber.

There was a breakdown given of what we spent on roads last year, what the road commission spent last year and what they are expecting to spend this year.

The match program description was given out and discussed with the Board and here is the breakdown:

\$10,000.00 discretionary funds
\$50,000.00 match money
\$17,000.00 ARPA Money

Brad brought the quote for the resurfacing of the second half of Pinewood Subdivision, which is going to cost around \$58802.95. Gravel and asphalt are going to cost more this year, with asphalt prices possibly going up at the end of this week. The Board needs to sign our work orders, so that the Road Commission can lock in the lower costs, especially for the asphalt.

Noble/Swartz Road Culvert Project- Anderson has the preliminary costs for replacing the culvert on Noble/Swartz Rd.

Engineering	\$5,000.00
Tube	\$12175.00
<u>Excavating/Installation</u>	<u>\$29350.00</u>
Total Cost approximately	\$46500.00

According to the representative from the Drain Commissioners office that was present at the meeting there is not going to be any cost sharing on this project with the Drain office as was first discussed a couple months ago. The Township will have to foot the whole bill for the project.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the Noble/Swartz Road project if the Drain Commissioner shares in the cost of the project as was originally discussed.

New Business:

Dead Trees on Township Property- Becker was approached by someone to cut out the dead trees on the lot next door.

There was a discussion about getting a release of liability from the attorney for this person to sign, but the Board agreed to check with the attorney on whether that idea was even an option. The only other things that could be done besides leaving the dead trees there was to hire Jesse Gordon to come in and cut them out for the Township. Anderson will contact Eppert and Jamie on whether we should get a release of liability for cutting the trees down.

Resolution and Ordinance for Floodplain Insurance Program- There is a resolution and an Ordinance that need to be passed by the Township and sent to the State to get approved to be sent to FEMA to keep Whitney Township in place as a participant in the Floodplain Insurance Program. If this is not done by June 15, 2022 anyone who has floodplain insurance in Whitney Township will lose their insurance. Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the resolution and the Ordinance for the Floodplain Insurance Program.

The Ordinance will go into effect 30 days after it is published in the newspaper.

Gypsy Moth Spraying- There has been a complaint about gypsy moths in the Township and McAlindon would like to see the Township spend some of the gypsy moth money to have the Township sprayed to try and alleviate the problem.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve gypsy moth spraying in the Township.

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 the meeting as 8:37pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk