

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
Held on May 10, 2022

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

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

Minutes:

April 12, 2022

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting, as printed.

April 22, 2022

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 22, 2022 as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

April 2022

General Fund

Income	\$29242.82	Disbursements	\$36782.16
Balance on Hand	\$314345.41		

Water Department

Income	\$25089.53	Disbursements	\$21210.11
Balance on Hand	\$43416.93		

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

Zoning Report:

People are finally getting rid of their trash at 287 N. Huron Rd. They had a time frame of Monday to get the stuff cleaned up or they were going to be fined and they have been working on cleaning up.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry is working on 2023 tax year now.

Fire Authority Report:

The Fire Board is now considering abandoning the fire barn project in favor of a new fire truck, which we need more than we need a new building.

The cost of the new fire barn was just under \$400,000.00 and there was only one bid received. Kurt Hummerickhouse is going to try and get a couple more bids.

At one point it was mentioned that they may have to go for a millage increase to get the building done, but Board Members were not too happy with that prospect.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Gehris and Anderson had a phone conversation with Jamie about the mediation on the water tower issue and told her that we should just go to court, because Sims is trying to add issues into the mediation agreement that were not even mentioned in the lawsuit or mediation process. Jamie was going to speak with Mr. Campbell again about trying to come to an agreement on the mediation agreement without all the extra items Sims wants.

The old Saginaw Midland pits are giving the company we hired trouble, because the parts are breaking, and they are trying to figure out a work around for fixing without having to hire an excavator to replace the meters. They are taking way longer to replace and with the extra care they have to take to avoid breaking parts, they would like to charge more for the Saginaw Midland meters being replaced. The cost is \$500.00 per meter, but they don't have very many of them left to replace.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the extra expense for the replacement of the Saginaw Midland pits.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

No meeting until June 30, 2022 at 7pm.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Roads- Tonkey Road is going to cost \$15640.00 to gravel from Turner Road to the seasonal sign.

Noble/Swartz Road Culvert Project- the Drain Commissioner is now going to pay the engineering cost for replacing the culvert on the Dime Drain. Township's cost is now approximately \$30,000.00.

Gypsy Moth Spraying- the cost for spraying for Gypsy Moths is \$75.00 per acre and we would only have enough money to do about 1600 acres over the next 2 years. Anderson has not heard back from her since she sent the email with the aerial maps of the Township, she will try to contact again this week.

Lawn Mowing- Anderson still hasn't contacted Karl's about pricing but will do that this week.

New Business:

Leasing New Copier and Water Bill Printer- Anderson and Jeremy from Intensified Technologies are looking into pricing for leasing a new copier and water bill printer from Miller's Office Supply. Anderson has not seen quote but wanted the Board to be aware that this was going to be talked about in the near future. The Xerox copier we currently have is old and is not playing nice with the Clerk's new computer. We also cannot get Xerox to come out and check the machine even though Anderson has tried several times to get service.

Water Meter Issue- covered under SWUA Report

Pipes for Ladies Restroom- the drain in the lady's bathroom keeps plugging up and we have to have Daniel's out to snake the pipes every time, which is costing a lot of money. Daniel's suggests that we have the pipes replaced to fix the problem, the pipes are cast iron and original to the building. The pipes are corroded and full of places where the paper is getting jammed on a jagged section of pipe where there is a slight turn in the piping.

Renting Hall- the question at hand is whether we should continue to rent out the hall or not. There was an issue with the last people that rented being in the building during office hours on Friday. They were making a lot of noise. From now on no one is allowed into the building until after 4pm on Friday, which will be added to the rental agreement. There was a discussion of increasing the rent, also.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to increase the rent to \$200.00 with \$50.00 refund for cleaning deposit if hall is cleaned properly.

Rock Color for Sign Base- the Board needs to vote on the color of the rock for the sign base we are having built. Anderson and Gehris went to Oscoda and picked four options for stones.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve option B for stone color for the sign base.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk