

Minutes for Regular Meeting for Whitney Township
held on August 9, 2022

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann

Absent: McAlindon

Minutes:

1 correction was needed in public comment section, Anderson misspelled Denise-the e was missing.
Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes, with the correction.

Treasurer's Report:

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

July 2022

General Fund

Income	\$17573.16	Disbursements	\$150439.21
Balance on Hand	\$249624.71		

Water Department

Income	\$91339.64	Disbursements	\$86509.43
Balance on Hand	\$29156.41		

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

Zoning Report:

Zoning Administrator was unavailable for the meeting.

Assessor's Report:

Board of Review went well.

AMAR was done August 1, 2022 and we need to update our policy for poverty exemptions. J. Landry sent a copy of the resolution to be passed. Resolution #2022-04 was voted on with a roll call vote with results as follows:

Zimmermann- Yes	Gehris- Yes	Becker-Yes	Anderson-Yes
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Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new about either the truck or new fire barn.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

J. Nisidis came to discuss lawsuit and mediation settlement.

Moved by Anderson that the Board meet in closed session under MCL 15.268(c) to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in the Arenac County Circuit Court known as Case No. 21-014769-CK because an open meeting would have a

detrimental financial effect on the litigation and settlement position of the Township, Seconded by Zimmermann, roll call vote was done with the following results:

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

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Zimmermann, with roll call vote to go back into open session, roll call results were as follows:

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

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, with roll call vote to authorize J. Nisidis to follow through on what was discussed in closed session, roll call vote results are as follows:

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

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*Mackie from Sims Township has been working on getting electricity for the Transfer Station. There is also a chance we could convert to propane instead of gas.

*There may need to be a special meeting by the 26th of August to decide on electricity issue.

*Republic didn't empty the 40-yard compactor as requested by Mark Moriarity, because they consider the compactor a 42-yard compactor and not a 40-yard compactor. So, for a matter of a little discrepancy in compactor size they refused to dump the compactor.

*Anderson needs to let Mackie know the special meeting cannot be on Wednesdays or Thursdays. The best night is Tuesday.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal simply stated that we should hold Republic to its contract.

Old Business:

Roads- Dust control on Noble Road has deteriorated due to high truck traffic coming and going on it. A resident complained that the trucks are going too fast and kicking up the dust, but the Township cannot control speed or amount of traffic on the roads.

*Guard Rails on Noble Road Culvert- Anderson spoke to foreman for Road Commission and he is going to discuss re-installing with the manager of the Road Commission, but no guarantees that it will happen.

*Brushing on Swartz Road- the Road Commission was looking at their books and found that Swartz Road past Noble Road is a road and needs to be maintained. The Township paid for the grass to be mowed along the sides of the road, but it needs to be brush hogged, as well. The foreman for the Road Commission said that they could go in half on the cost, because the road hasn't been maintained for so long. The cost to the Township would be approximately \$650.00.

*Pinewood Paving- going to be done soon and Anderson is going to call foreman and find out if the holes are going to be filled in before the resurfacing or not.

*Road end at Bessinger Road- Anderson is going to call on whether the survey is being done or not.

*VanHorn Road- the foreman of the Road Commission is going to check it out and give the Township a price on what needs to be done to get it back in shape.

Drains- L. Davis's assistant sent a copy of the original drain survey of the Dime Drain. Not sure what the Township is supposed to do with the information, but we have received it anyway. L. Davis didn't give us a cost on how much it would be to fix the drain, so the Township is not going to do anything at this point. The drains are not the Township's responsibility it is the Drain Commissioners responsibility.

Elections- There were 331 people who voted either in person or by absentee in the August Primary. We have 884 registered voters in Whitney Township. It was a higher turn out than what Anderson expected. The Township Mosquito Control millage renewal passed along with the other County wide proposals.

New Business:
None

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

Adjournment:
Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk