

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

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2022 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

June 2022

General Fund

Income	\$102333.61	Disbursements	\$40844.48
Balance on Hand	\$384072.76		

Water Department

Income	\$33260.71	Disbursements	\$26892.17
Balance on Hand	\$24326.20		

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

Zoning Report:

Zoning Administrator wasn't available for the meeting, so Becker gave a report that stated that he is working on a couple of issues and there are a couple of land use permits that are not complete or have the incorrect information on them.

Assessor's Report:

Board of Review meeting is July 20, 2022 at 11:00am.

Board of Review no longer needs to be involved in deciding PRE applications.

Whitney Township's AMAR Review starts on August 1, 2022 and the Assessor needs a resolution in place for waiving the penalty fee for property transfer affidavit penalties. The Assessor sent a copy of the resolution, and the Board just needs to pass it. The resolution number will be #2022-03 and was voted on by Roll Call Vote, with results as follows:

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

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new at the last meeting. The next meeting is at Whitney Township Hall on July 20, 2022 at 7pm.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

There were 4 water lines cut by JT Underground and they have already agreed to pay for the repairs.

The Board needs to decide whether to agree to the new mediation settlement or go to court. The Board has already voted to go to court and want to stick to that decision. Anderson will contact the attorney.

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*Next Meeting is September 29, 2022 at 7pm.

*The Transfer Station had to close because we were full over the holiday. The dumpsters were not emptied before the holiday, which caused a problem.

*Cemetery needs a new mower for around the graves.

*Transfer Station attendant is not helping the elderly and there have been complaints.

*There are people dumping stuff in the leaf area that doesn't belong in that area.

*Commercial tags are going to be required as of January 1, 2023 and will cost \$700.00. This applies to all commercial businesses, including landscaping companies.

*There was a question about why there were 2 employees at the Transfer Station, while they were turning people away on the holiday. There is no reason there needs to be 2 people there to tell people they can't get rid of their trash.

Public Comment:

J. Archambeau asked how much we paid for the dump stickers? Approximately \$760.00.

Denis Dunn the director for Arenac County Transit Authority came to explain the public transportation program. There is a millage for public transportation in the County. Denise handed out information to the Board Members and people that were in the audience about the program. It costs \$4.00 for a ride in the Whitney Township area. She left additional information at the Hall.

They are hiring drivers for the program- CDL license is needed for larger vehicles and a chauffer's license in needed for smaller vehicles. They use standard practices for hiring new employees.

Larry Davis was here about the Dime Drain- there are some issues with people's property sliding into the drain. There are also some blight issues, which would be overseen by the Township.

*There are properties on Prescott Drive that have built items on the drain access and these buildings can be removed without being replaced.

*There was a question about a jetty being put at the mouth of the drain. Larry said there cannot be a jetty built at the end of the drain. He also stated that he has had the water tested for e-coli and there were no issues.

*The Township is doing everything they can do for the drain, but ultimately it is a County Drain and needs to be overseen by the Drain Commissioner.

*The buildings that were built were built without the knowledge that they were building in drain access area.

*The cost to fix all the issues with the Dime Drain is approximately \$35,000.00. The people of the association are going to have to pay for the fix. The Drain Commissioner would like to know if the Township would be willing to pay anything to help fix the drain. It all needs to be fixed, you can't just fix some of it, it is a stabilization issue.

Jennifer from 19 N Huron came to discuss issues with the Bessinger Rd. access. Anderson told her that the Road Commission owns the road ends and that they need to oversee the issues. I informed her that the Road Commission foreman was going to ask the Road Commission Board if they would pay to have a survey done on the road end to see exactly where the property lines are. All her other issues were addressed, as well.

Old Business:

Roads and Dust Control- Paving for the primary roads is supposed to be done at the end of July or 1st part of August, according to the Road Commission. It apparently got moved up, because some of the roads are already done.

Dust Control is done.

Guard Rail on Noble Road- the Road Commission is taking a wait and see position on the guard rail issue, once the project is in the final stage they will decide whether guard rails are needed.

Women's Bathroom Repair- the work is done, and the plumbers wanted the floor left open for a while to make sure that the repair was working properly. Anderson needs to contact plumber and see when the cement is going to be replaced.

New Business:

None

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk