

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
Held on September 13, 2022

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

Present: Zimmermann, McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

August 2022

General Fund

Income	\$48750.08	Disbursements	\$31834.90
Balance on Hand	\$266539.89		

Water Department

Income	\$27132.09	Disbursements	\$17619.44
Balance on Hand	\$38669.06		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson wasn't available for the meeting, but the Supervisor stated that he is in the process of managing a few issues.

Assessor's Report:

L-4029 is done and being submitted to the County. Everything else is going smoothly.

Fire Authority Report:

The Treasurer is trying to get policies in place that the auditors want. No more discussion on new fire barn or fire truck.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

There was a quote received by the SWUA Board for another set of filters to expand capacity at the water plant. The estimate is for \$32000.00, but there will be additional costs for engineering and moving the filter banks.

The Townships will have to share the cost of the expansion.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Next Meeting is September 29, 2022 at 7pm at Sims Township Hall.

The neighbor next to the cemetery had his fence damaged again. He is looking at getting money from the Cemetery/Transfer Station Board to help replace/repair the fence.

There is talk of getting electricity at the Transfer Station, so we can convert the old compactor to electric and lease another electric compactor.

There were two mishaps at the Transfer Station. People were turned away for not having their tags and when they were leaving, they backed into the ditch.

Public Comment:

*There was a discussion about the road end at Bessinger Road. As we have told people in the past, the Township is not responsible for the road ends that is Road Commission property.

*There were accusations made that the man living next to the road end intimidates people to stop them from using the access and tells people that they cannot use the access. The gentleman and his wife were present and denied every intimidating people or throwing people off the access either. They have only told one person to leave, because he was using a motorized vehicle on the beach which is not allowed.

*The people want to start a petition to have the road end taken care of.

*The Township has spoken to the Road Commission about this issue, and they have told the Clerk that they were not going to do anything more with the road end.

*The neighbors want to have a clear border for the access point. There is a fence making the south side of the access, but nothing on the north side.

*According to one resident, there was a person that went down there and didn't feel comfortable going down the access, because they couldn't tell where the access point was.

*The person that lives to the north of the access has been maintaining the property to keep it nice for people to use. He has told anyone that was present at the meeting that he will show them the survey states to the property, so they can see where the access ends and his property begins.

*They want a survey done on the road end at Bessinger Road.

*They were told that the Road Commission oversees road ends and if they don't like the Road Commissions decision then they need to go to the County Board of Commissioners.

*The Township does not have any interest in this issue. It is the Road Commissions property, not the Townships.

Old Business:

Van Horn Road- the Township has received a quote to fix Van Horn Rd. between Bessinger and Hammel Beach Rds. and get it reclassified to a County Road. The quote is for \$31400.00, which is the entire amount we collect from the taxes for a year. We are going to readdress the issue next year.

New Business:

Converting Lights to LED- we should investigate converting the lights in the whole building to LED. The Board requested 2 quotes for the next Board meeting, before a decision is made.

Planning Commission Member Update- Jerry Brown's term was up in August, and we need to find out if he is still interested in being on the Planning Commission Board.

Lyle Swartz's term is up in October and the Board has decided to replace him when his term is up. We have a person already lined up to take his place.

2% Grant Application- Applications are due at the end of September and we need to get moving on the process. McAlindon is going to apply for money for the roads.

Direct Deposit for Payroll- should we convert to direct deposit for payroll. The Board would like to know what it is going to cost to do direct deposit, before deciding.

Parking for a Wedding- a resident of the Township would like to use the parking lot of the Hall for parking for his wedding next summer. We need to find out from attorney if there would be any liability issues associated with allowing him to use the parking lot.

Discussion of Curbside pickup- we would have to rescind the special assessment district and set something else up. Costs are getting out of control at the Transfer Station. All this needs to be addressed at the Cemetery/Transfer Station meeting.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:34pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk