

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
held on November 15, 2022

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann
Absent: McAlindon

Minutes:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

October 2022

General Fund

Income	\$36607.64	Disbursements	\$38040.05
Balance on Hand	\$249202.27		

Water Department

Income	\$31552.40	Disbursements	\$20159.82
Balance on Hand	\$63786.13		

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

Resolution #2022-04 and Resolution #2004-05 were both passed with the following vote applying to both Resolutions:

Zimmermann- Yes	Gehris- Yes	Becker- Yes	Anderson- Yes
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McAlindon was absent from the meeting.

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson was out of town and is continuing to work with the Township Attorney to update a couple of the Ordinances that are hindering him from doing his job properly.

Updated Master Plan- R. Zimmermann recommended to the Township Board that they approve the updated Master Plan that the Planning Commission has been working on for some time.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, Roll Call Vote was done to approve the updated Master Plan based on the Planning Commissions recommendation. Roll Call Vote results were as follows:

Zimmermann- Yes	Gehris- Yes	Becker- Yes	Anderson- Yes
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McAlindon was absent from the meeting.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry had nothing to report.

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new to report

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Settlement Agreement for the Mediation was signed by both Supervisors and Clerks from the Township as well as the Chairman of the Authority Board.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Compactor has already been converted to propane, even though it wasn't voted on.

Sims Township is replacing their clerk again. It needs to be made clear that there is no deputy sexton position for the Cemetery, if the sexton cannot handle something then it must wait until he/she is available.

There is a small addition being put on Mark's shed to store the generator in, so Mark doesn't have to drag it across the driveway.

Public Comment:

*Teri Sanford-Jones asked a question about Deer Run Rd and whether it is a private road. Someone has put a stop sign at the end of Ralph Rd where Deer Run Rd starts.

*Tammy Parker came in about the trees that we cut down for them last year. She stated that now they have an oak tree that is starting to lean, and she would like the Township to help them get it removed like we did with the pine trees. She showed pictures of the tree.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to pay 50% of the cost it would be to remove the oak tree with the stipulation that this is the last time the Township will help with tree removal on their property. The property owner agreed to the proposed 50/50 split of the cost of tree removal. Anderson will contact when she gets in touch with Jesse Gordon.

Old Business:

Roads for 2023- The roads that we are planning on doing are Swartz Road from Tonkey Road to Mackinaw Road with gravel only, and VanHorn Road from Hammel Beach Road to Bessinger Road will be gravel and brushing.

New Business:

Replacing Phone System/Switching to Fiber Optic Internet- The cost of the new phone system is \$2189.02, but we have no cost for switching to fiber optic internet. Anderson will get in touch with Intensified Technology to get pricing, so the issue is tabled for now.

Painting the Hall- The hall hasn't been painted in a while and there are a lot of bad spots on the wall that need to be repaired and repainted. Anderson will get a quote for the new paint project.

Replacing the pipes in the lady's room- The toilets stopped working again on election day and Daniel's had to come out again to get them working. It would be best if we just replaced the pipes in the lady's room to clear up the issue once and for all. Pierson Plumbing came yesterday to look at the project and are going to give us a price to tear up the floors, replace the pipes, pour new cement for the floors, and any other work necessary to fix the plumbing.

Carpet in the Hallway and the Board Room- The carpet in the hallway needs to be replaced from when we had the ladies room fixed previously. Anderson called the original person who laid the carpet but

has not seen or heard from them. While we are replacing the hallway carpet it wouldn't be a bad idea to replace the carpet in the Board Room at the same time. We have had the carpet cleaned many times in the last 10 years and some of the stains will not go away. Anderson was tasked with getting a quote for the new carpet in the hallway, board room, and vinyl plank flooring for the lady's room.

Renewing the MTA Subscription for online training- We had the subscription when it first came out, but we didn't renew. The Board feels it would be a good idea to make sure all members have access to online training and in person training to make sure we are doing the best job possible for the residents of the Township. It also allows people to do training at their own convenience if it is an online course. Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve renewing the online subscription with MTA for 1 year, with a reevaluation on whether to renew once the year is up.

Water Leak Letter from Resident- someone has sent a letter asking the Township to give them a break on their water bill, which was over \$3000.00. He also wants the Township to change to monthly billing and to also create a contingency fund for people who have big water leaks. The Board has agreed that we are not going to give him a break or change any of our procedures at this time.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:36pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk