

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
Held on January 10, 2023

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 December 13, 2022 minutes, with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

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

December 2022

General Fund

Income	\$54563.39	Disbursements	\$17953.96
Balance on Hand	\$198465.31		

Water Department

Income	\$19315.74	Disbursements	\$29757.77
Balance on Hand	\$37119.76		

Don asked about the audit amount and whether it was higher than usual.

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson brought in copies of the updated Blight and Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinances that the Township Attorney and himself have been working on. These ordinances needed to be updated and language added to them to make them easier to enforce.

These ordinances have timelines for enforcement and fines for violations spelled out more specifically.

By doing this process she has combined several ordinances into one.

There was a discussion on the wording in Section 1 letter g of the Blight Ordinance, some Board Members would like it changed from vacant to abandoned and if it is changed in this section it will need to be changed in Section 4, also.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED with a roll call vote, to follow to approve the updated Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance as written, to go into effect 30 days after publication in the local newspaper. The Ordinance number will be 2023-01.

Roll Call Vote Results:

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

We need to set a time period for Section 1 letter g, as well. The Board decided 30 days and a period of 3 months.

The Blight Ordinance needs revisions made to it, so it will be brought up again next month.

The last page needs to be edited to look like the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.

There is a date issue on the repeal part, the years don't match.
A special meeting will be set up once corrections are made. The Meeting was set for January 25, 2023 at 7pm.

Section 8 we need to have the wording for putting on the tax roll taken out.

Becker wants Vinson to enforce the ordinances in place and not wait for the new ordinances to become effective.

Moved by Zimmermann, died for lack of support

To not go after new blight issues until after the new ordinances are passed, handle old issues with the existing ordinance.

Assessor's Report:

J Landry was not available for the meeting but emailed that there was really nothing to report other than she is working on next year's values.

Fire Authority Report:

No new issues brought up. Business as usual.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

We approved adding more filters membranes to the existing filter bank to expand capacity.

We are going to have to start going door to door soon to find out what kind of pipes each household has leading into their house.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Revised budget was sent out to the Board.

Transfer Station will no longer have Sunday hours in the summer, but hours have been extended on Saturday to 9-6 instead of the usual 10-4:30 hours.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Carpet- the new carpet will be installed on January 23rd and 24th.

Direct Deposit- Due to lack of interest we will not be doing direct deposit, it makes no sense to do it for just 3 people. If more people fill out the paperwork we may reconsider it.

New Business:

MTA Meeting- The next Arenac County MTA Chapter Meeting is January 19, 2023 at Deep River Township.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Kimberly Anderson

Whitney Township Clerk