

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
held on February 14, 2023

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

Present: Zimmermann, Gehris, Anderson, Becker, McAlindon
Absent: None

Minutes:

January 10, 2023

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting, as printed.

January 25, 2023

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmerman, CARRIED to approve the special meeting minutes from January 25, 2023, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

January 2023

General Fund

Income	\$104443.71	Disbursements	\$57448.00
Balance on Hand	\$245461.02		

Water Department

Income	\$48395.89	Disbursements	\$18314.62
Balance on Hand	\$67201.03		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson has sent letters out on several issues giving the residents 30 days and then if not taken care he will be implementing the new procedures put in place by the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.

Assessor's Report:

J. Williams sent a report via email stating that 2023 assessments are done and sent to the County. Board of Review is next month and the schedule for the meetings is posted on the door of the Hall.

Fire Authority Report:

Business as usual. There was a mention again about purchasing a new truck, but no action is being taken as of yet.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Nothing much is going on. Bob Mackie is coming back on the Board after a brief leave of absence.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The rocks were placed along the fence line of the cemetery beach parking lot to protect the neighbors fence.

Republic has been going into the transfer station and emptying the dumpsters without being asked to do so. We have no idea how much we are being charged for. They are supposed to come when asked by Mark, but they have been coming on their own without notifying Mark that they are coming.

Becker and Mackie have been having discussions about putting the electricity in at the transfer station. We have to get permission from the neighbor for a right of way to put the poles on.

We received \$12000.00 from 2% distribution to help pay for the electricity to be installed.

Public Comment:

There was a discussion about the commercial rate at the transfer station. The Board has set a rate for all commercial business in Sims and Whitney Township for use of the transfer station. We are not responsible if the commercial business passes that extra expense onto their customers.

B. Burke came to discuss the Veteran's millage and ask for any information on Veterans we may know of that may want to serve on the 7 member Veterans Board. Anderson will contact the one person that she is aware of to see if he would be interested in serving.

The New Dawn Senior Living complex received a grant and they may start construction in the spring.

Old Business:

Carpet Installed- The new carpet was laid on January 23rd and 24th of January.

New Business:

Road Commission Meeting- our date with the Road Commission for our annual meeting is March 29, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Lighting Quote- We have received the quotes finally for the installation of new led lighting for the Hall, Fire Barn, and the outside fixtures.

Inside Lighting- \$6861.12 with a \$856.25 rebate for bulbs

Outside Lighting- \$5709.00 with a Consumers rebate of \$576.55

What is the cost savings over time going to be? We do not know.

Make sure they use 6000-degree Kelvin light bulbs. We need to check with Consumers about the conversion, because they may do it for a smaller fee.

We could apply for a 2% grant through the Tribe for the new lighting.

Minimum Wage- minimum wage is now \$10.10/hour. There was discussion in Lansing of raising the minimum wage to \$13.00/hour with an adjustment to sick pay and other issues, but that is going nowhere currently.

We need to increase the pay rate for election inspectors to ensure that we are paying them at least minimum wage. Anderson suggested an increase from \$70.00 per shift to \$90.00 per shift.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to increase the election inspector wages to \$90.00 per shift.

Salary Resolutions- the Supervisor requested that a 2% cost of living increase be put into a resolution for the February meeting.

McAlindon asked why only 2% when the cost of living is so high right now.

There was a discussion about past salary resolutions.

There was a comment about the cost of living being 8.7% right now.

Zimmermann suggested a 4% cost of living increase and there was a discussion of the subject.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, Roll Call Vote called to approve a 4% cost of living raise for Board Members. Results of roll call were as follows:

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

Review of Budget- There were several areas of the budget that need to be amended before new budget numbers can be figured out.

Anderson listed out the amendments and will type them and distribute to Board Members as soon as possible.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to amend the budget for the General Fund with the money to come from the Capital Outlay line items to cover all the amendments needed.

Water Department- the repairs line item needs to be amended to cover the overage from the water line repairs caused by JT Underground cutting 3 lines during cable installation. That will be done according to auditor instructions.

Annual Meeting- The annual meeting is being held on March 25, 2023 at 9am.

2% Round Table Meeting- the meeting is going to be held on February 24th in Standish at 1pm.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:47pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk