

Minutes for Regular Meeting for Whitney Township
held on June 13, 2023

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

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

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting, with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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General Fund

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| Income | \$32873.08 | Disbursements | \$26198.67 |
| Balance on Hand | \$286551.95 | | |

Water Department

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| Income | \$20483.01 | Disbursements | \$54970.17 |
| Balance on Hand | \$46969.08 | | |

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson was unable to attend tonight. He is working on several issues in the Township.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was unavailable for the meeting due to illness.

Fire Authority Report:

The new fire truck was ordered, and we received a discount on the truck that we didn't know we were getting.

The property that the fire department bought to build a new fire barn was mentioned at the last meeting. They are looking at selling it, but B. Mackie told the Board that the Water Authority is interested in buying it for a new water department building for when the Townships combine water departments into one central location.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

The part time help started working last week.

The membranes have not arrived yet for the filter expansion project.

The employees at the last meeting asked if they could investigate purchasing a new truck to replace the 2016 truck, which is starting to rust.

There was an email sent to the Township about demolishing the water tower, Anderson replied to the email and told the company that we are not demolishing and have no plans to demolish anytime soon. The Authority Board Members need to be reappointed this year, which is the procedure laid out in the Articles of Incorporation.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to reappoint Gehris, Anderson, and Bear to the Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Board.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*June 29, 2023 is the next regularly scheduled meeting.

*There was a special meeting on June 1, 2023 to discuss the commercial garbage tag fee that was implemented by the Board last September or December.

*The cemetery map is really outdated, and Anderson was approached to see if she had any ideas on how to fix it, she told them to get in touch with the company that we are using for cemetery management program and see if they can produce a map for us or tell us where to get one made.

*Should we consider getting rid of recycling at the Transfer Station, is an issue that will be discussed at the next meeting. We are having a lot of issues with the recycling side of the Transfer Station.

*Should the Joint Board check into getting some of the millings from the roadwork to put in at the Transfer Station.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal asked about the millings and the rate increase.

J. Archambeau asked about the fire truck and the Authority trucks. He also questioned whether J. Vinson is doing his job.

P. Miller asked about VanHorn Rd and whether it is being improved and if so, are they going to be putting in more drainage tubes to alleviate the water issue going on next to the road.

T. Alden asked whether they would be raising the grade of VanHorn Rd when they are doing the work, also.

Old Business:

New Computer for Zoning Administrator- there were 3 different quotes done by Intensified Technology for new laptops for the Zoning Administrator. When I asked Jeremy which computer, he would suggest he said to go with the mid-priced computer.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to purchase the mid-priced computer if it was Wi-Fi capable.

Andrews Road Millings- the Road Commission foreman called and offered the Township millings from the road project for Andrews Road to fill in the holes on the road. The price of the millings is \$15.00 per ton, while gravel is \$18.00 per ton. It would save the Township some money and millings tend to last longer on the roads.

There was a very lengthy discussion on the topic.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to not do anything with the millings offered for Andrews Road.

Survey on Township Property- the surveyors were here working on it today.

New Business:

Rate increase for Water- we had a rate study done and Michigan Rural Water suggested a new rate for the ready to serve and per thousand gallons of water, which is a large increase, but we have not received a copy of the study, so we are not taking any action at this time.

MTA July Meeting- on July 18th Whitney Township is supplying the food for the meeting and Anderson needs help setting up the food for the meeting, as well as some help cooking food. R. Zimmermann said he would make a batch of baked beans. Anderson is supposed to let everyone else know what they can bring.

Flower Beds- we received the quote for working on the flower beds that I requested from the company that does the lawn, this is tearing out all the plants, digging up the dirt, and putting down new barrier cloth; option 1- wood chips \$800.00 and option 2- stone \$1000.00. Becker wants to turn the flower beds back into a grassy section, like we did with the other flower bed.

Anderson will contact a couple of area landscaping companies to get a price for working on flower beds where total removal of plants is not an option.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk