

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Whitney Township
held on August 8, 2023

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

Present: Anderson, Gehris, Becker, Zimmermann

Absent: McAlindon

Minutes:

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

July 2023

General Fund

Income	\$6567.73	Disbursements	\$27009.99
Balance on Hand	\$95015.99		

Water Department

Income	\$27717.31	Disbursements	\$1920.81
Balance on Hand	\$74763.77		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson is sending 7 letters out on various Zoning issues in the Township.

A new cell phone was purchased for J. Vinson from AT&T, it is going to cost around \$149.00 a month for the contract phone.

There was a discussion about the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and that it has been in effect for 3 years, but we have only had one person apply in that time frame. We cannot enforce it if we do not know about the people using their houses as short-term rentals. We cannot go around the Township looking for people renting.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was out of town, so there was no report.

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

New filter membranes will be installed in the fall, due to it being peak season for water.

The audit with the new auditor starts next week.

The plant is running well.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Cement pad and 2nd compactor have been approved and the pad was poured. Compactor should be here in the fall. Within 30 minutes of the pad being poured someone drove on it. Gravel was brought in to make sure the pad and driveway match.

There is talk on how to increase the special assessment amounts for garbage collection. Anderson is going to check into the process involved.

There is going to be a metal detector bought for the cemetery, so that the corner monuments can be found. The Sexton and the Sims Township Treasurer are going to remap the cemetery.

Public Comment:

A resident commented on the recycling being full all the time and that it should be kept at the transfer station, because it saves the environment. He has talked to State officials about recycling. He is not happy that we are considering raising the transfer station fee on the taxes, either.

He would like the Board to consider putting solar in at the transfer station.

He called the fire department on a neighbor for burning wood on his own property because he said it smelled bad and that he shouldn't be burning so close to a building. He stated that there was treated lumber in the pile, which caused the smell. The resident was told that that is not a Township issue, the DNR deals with burning and burn permits.

Becker pointed out that there is a new I-9 form, which the Clerk already knew about.

Old Business:

Quote for Sidewalks and Replacing Wood Around the Building- We have not received the quote from the contractor yet.

Zoning Administrator's Phone was discussed in Zoning Report.

Roads- Delano Road has not been done yet. Anderson talked to the Road Commission about ditching on Delano Road because the neighbor to the Township Property is complaining about his property being flooded all the time. Anderson also talked to the Drain Commissioner, and he says that if the Township took out the 2 driveways on our property that would help with the problem. Becker didn't agree with the idea of removing the driveway, because he is concerned that someone will just create their own bridge to get to the property, even though no one should be on the property.

Resident's property isn't adjacent to Twp Property and has been known

New Business:

Resolution for Hazard Mitigation Plan- The emergency manager for Arenac County has developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Arenac County, but he needs the Townships in the County to pass a resolution in support of the plan.

The Board approved the resolution in a 4-0 vote. It will be resolution 2023-05.

Pay the Bills:

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

as a swamp for years. Us taking out drive- ways won't help.

Adjournment:

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk