

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of Whitney Township
held on September 12, 2023

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

Present: Anderson, Gehris, McAlindon, Zimmermann, Becker

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes, with additions made.

Treasurer's Report:

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

August 2023

General Fund

Income	\$58362.79	Disbursements	\$41768.15
Balance on Hand	\$110610.63		

Water Department

Income	\$40524.77	Disbursements	\$14850.82
Balance on Hand	\$100437.72		

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

Zoning Report:

12 registered letters are being sent out in the next week or so.

Assessor's Report:

Nothing really going on right now, just working on normal items.

Fire Board Authority Report:

Nothing is really going on right now.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

The auditor that was hired quit after 2 days in the office, due to family issues. We are searching for a new auditor.

Sims Whitney Transfer Station/Cemetery Report:

The next meeting is September 28, 2023 at 7pm in Sims Township.

Public Comment:

J & C Erickson- they had an issue at the Transfer Station near the metal trailer, the attendant yelled at them to walk their items into the dumpster not just drop them at the front of the dumpster. The Erickson's are upset about this because they say not only is it an OSHA violation to make people walk

things into the dumpster, but they feel the attendant should not be rude to people. They brought a letter addressing many issues that they have with the way the Transfer Station is run and want the Board to implement comprehensive changes to the facility. We informed them of the next Transfer Station meeting and told them we would take the letter to the rest of the Board.

There was a discussion on curbside pick-up, also.

J. Archambeau asked about the lot at the Singing Bridge and when it was going to be cleaned up, how many times the roadsides get mowed, a tree branch blocking the stop sign in his subdivision, and where the Clerk is living right now.

There were positive comments made about the Transfer Station and all the improvements that have been made.

Old Business:

Quotes on Sidewalks and Wood at Hall- quote has still not been received.

Roads- Becker asked why the seasonal section of Edmonds Road hasn't been worked on.

Delano Road- no pricing has been received from the Road Commission yet. Anderson is going to call the Road Commission and Denny Killingbeck to get pricing on the project. The gravel on Delano is supposed to be done in the next week or two.

Hammel Beach Road- we had a complaint about big holes in the section from the Dixie H Drain to Mackinaw Road and Anderson called the Road Commission to get a quote on graveling this section, which is about ½ mile. The quote was received from the Road Commission and if we approve the quote the project would be done this year, but we wouldn't have to pay until next year. This quote would lock in the price of \$18.00 per ton on gravel even if it didn't get done this year.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the quote for Hammel Beach Road.

New Business:

Mosquito Control Millage- not due to be renewed until 2026.

QuickBooks Online- The program we are currently using is going away and QuickBooks is going strictly online. There would be a monthly cost instead of paying one fee for the whole year.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve switching to the QuickBooks online program.

Election Equipment- With the implementation of early voting the Township needs to order new election equipment, because we cannot use the existing equipment for early voting and election day both. Early voting must be done on separate equipment from Election Day voting, the equipment is going to cost \$13150.50, but the State is supposed to be paying for the new equipment.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to purchase the new election equipment.

Election Worker Raises- We are paying our election inspectors less than every other Township in the County and we need to bring our amount up to what everyone else is paying. We currently pay \$90.00 and need to go to \$120.00 to be in line with everyone else.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve a raise to \$120.00 per shift for election inspectors.

2% Grant Application- We currently don't have anything to apply for other than the usual request for roads. If we get the quote for the new security cameras we could apply for them, but the quote may not come in before the deadline.

New Planning Commission Member- We lost a Planning Commission Member in February, and we need to replace them.

No Dog Policy- The Township needs to pass a policy about dogs in the Township Hall. The policy will read "No dogs allowed in the Township Hall, unless they are trained service animals. This policy applies to staff and residents of the Township."

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the Township Dog Policy.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk