

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of Whitney Township
held on October 10, 2023

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Zimmermann

Absent: McAlindon

Minutes:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

September 2023

General Fund

Income	\$74360.66	Disbursements	\$19620.48
Balance on Hand	\$166530.81		

Water Department

Income	\$108136.91	Disbursements	\$79512.37
Balance on Hand	\$129062.26		

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

Resolution to add Delinquent Water to Tax Bill- The Board needs to pass a resolution so that we can add the delinquent water to a tax bill. This is required by the County.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, Roll Call Vote called for, to add delinquent water to a tax bill CARRIED with the following Roll Call Vote Results:

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

The Arenac County Treasurer informed Gehris that we may have to reimburse the County for the demolition that was put on the taxes, because they have not received a bid on the property that would be enough to cover the costs of the back taxes and all the other fees added to the tax bill.

Zoning Report:

6 Blight letters have been or are being mailed out.

Someone came in to complain about his neighbor pushing sand onto his property. Some of the sand could be blowing in with the wind, but he feels that the neighbor is blowing it up with a leaf blower. The neighbor is burying these people's sidewalks and covering their grass, allegedly. The Board told him that we didn't know what we could do, but we would consult the attorney on the issue.

J. Vinson is going to contact the attorney about the issue as well as a few other things and he will touch base with the resident when he talks to the attorney.

Assessor's Report:

The Board needs to re-do the poverty exemption guideline paperwork for the State, because something in the language of the previous paperwork wasn't exactly as they wanted it. There is a new resolution that needs to be passed with the correct language.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Becker, a Roll Call Vote was called for, to update the Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test resolution with the following Roll Call Vote Results:

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

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing to report.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Gehris and DeLeo are working on revising the Joint Water Agreement per the mediation settlement agreement.

One of the new filters was installed, there were not enough parts for the second filter to be installed. They didn't send enough parts and some they did send were the wrong size and it could take a month or more to get the new parts.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The Board met last week. The people who came to Whitney's September meeting didn't show up for the meeting to voice their complaints.

Hours at the Transfer Station have switched over to winter hours.

The new compactor will be in sometime late October to early November because it is being converted to propane.

APM Mosquito Season Report:

The report was sent via email and Blake from APM came to give a condensed version of the emailed report. It was a busy mosquito season, and we were slightly over budget this year.

Public Comment:

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to enforce the three-minute public comment time guidelines at the meetings.

Old Business:

Quotes for Sidewalk and Building Repairs- tabled until spring because we still have not received the quotes.

We had to have an electrician come in to fix 2 of the light fixtures in the hallway, because they kept blowing out the lightbulbs when they were replaced, it cost \$80.00. Anderson is going to have the electrician come out and check all the other fixtures to make sure they don't have the same problem in the future.

Roads- Delano Road has been finished.

Ditching for Delano Road- Anderson asked Denny Killingbeck for a quote on ditching on Delano Road to try and alleviate the flooding that is happening on the Collier property due to slow moving ditches. Anderson needs to call about getting Edmonds Road graded and to ask about the status of Van Horn Road's upgrade to a County Road.

New Business:

MTA Online Subscription- Are we renewing or not. The Board has decided not to renew it, because no one has used it.

2% Grant Application- Becker did authorize the application online. McAlindon applied for Roads again. We didn't get the quote in time to apply for video cameras for the Township Hall.

MTA Dinner Meeting- The dinner meeting is October 19, 2023 and they would like to have a head count on how many are coming, so they don't order more food than necessary. The Board is paying for 7 people.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk