

Minutes for Whitney Township Regular Board Meeting  
held on February 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Donald Becker at 7:00pm.

Present: Anderson, Gehris, Zimmermann, Becker, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from January 9, 2024 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

January 2024

General Fund

Income	\$43209.71	Disbursements	
\$22864.83			
Balance on Hand	\$142295.87		
Water Department	3166710	Disbursements	\$33696.22
Balance on Hand	\$121858.65		

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

Zoning Report:

No report

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry is working on finishing her assessments and will be mailing out letters by the end of week hopefully.

Fire Authority Report:

The Board is trying to find out if we can prepay on the new truck and if so, they are going to keep budgeting the same amount of money for truck payments as we paid on the ladder truck and use that money to pay off some of the balance on the new truck.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Gehris and DeLeo want both Boards to meet to go over changes to the Joint Water Agreement. They want to meet at the end of February. There were issues with some of the Whitney Board not being available for either of the proposed dates. Whitney proposes the following date and will wait to see if that works for Sims Township or not.

March 4, 5, or 6 didn't work for some of the Board members

March 13 or 15, 13<sup>th</sup> worked for all of Whitney Board, so now we wait on Sims Township to see if that works for them.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The cylinder for the compactor was taken out and repaired, but the compactor still does not work according to Employees. Now we have to try and figure out the problem so we can get the compactor working properly again.

Public Comment:

R. Zimmermann- commented on the remarks that Becker made at the last meeting about him not trusting the Board Members. How does he expect us to trust him if he feels that way? He called Becker childish for all the things he has been saying about the Board Members.

Becker stated that he consulted with legal counsel before he went and filed the report at the State Police Post in West Branch. The State Police report clearly states that the report was unfounded.

There was an argument about whether the claims being made were legal or not.

S. Gingerich feels that Anderson should not be answering any more questions about her residency.

There was a statement made that there are people from Sims Township, Whitney Township, and even the County questioning Anderson's residency.

J. Archambeau came to apologize to the Board about the issues he caused concerning his road. He also stated that there is nothing in this Township to attract people to our area. We have no parks or anything for residents to use and enjoy, they have to go to Tawas or AuGres to do any recreational activities.

G. Brown was upset about the way things were going at the meeting. He stated he didn't understand why the Board was not doing their job and we should be ashamed of ourselves.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Trees on Township Property- the lot next door needs to be cleaned up. There is a lot of dead wood laying around. Karl that does the lawn maintenance, told D. Becker that he would go in and clean up the dead wood. He would take the wood in lieu of payment. We would need to get an updated copy of his liability insurance before he could go in to do the work.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to allow Karl to clean out the lot next door for the dead wood, but the Board needs to get a current copy of his liability insurance.

Anderson will contact him for the insurance paperwork.

Election- Early voting starts Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Anderson would like to change the pay rate from per shift to hourly. This change would make it so that everyone is making the same amount, because night shift doesn't work an 8-hour shift ever due to closing taking longer.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by McAlindon with a roll call vote, to approve the change to hourly from shift pay. The pay rate is \$15.00 per hour either way.

Roll Call Vote results:

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

Salary Resolutions- Gehris would like to propose salary resolutions for the Board.

Proposed amounts are as follows:

Clerk- \$2000.00/month

Treasurer- \$1700.00/month

Trustees- \$300.00/month

Supervisor- \$1100.00/month

McAlindon agrees that this Board is underpaid compared to other Boards around the State.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by (motion died for lack of support).

The resolutions must be made 30 days before the annual meeting.

Becker wants the raises to be based on a percentage instead of a lump sum salary adjustment.

Clerk Salary Resolution

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, Roll Call Vote, to approve the Clerk's Salary Resolution. Resolution #24-2-13.1

Roll Call Vote Results:

Zimmermann- Yes    McAlindon- Yes    Gehris- Yes    Becker- No    Anderson- Abstain

Supervisor Salary Resolution

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, Roll Call Vote, to approve the Supervisor's Salary Resolution. Resolution #24-2-13.2

Roll Call Vote Results:

Zimmermann- Yes    McAlindon- Yes    Gehris- Yes    Becker- No    Anderson- Yes

Treasurer Salary Resolution

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, Roll Call Vote, to approve the Treasurer's Salary Resolution. Resolution #24-2-13.3

Trustee Salary Resolution

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Anderson, Roll Call Vote, to approve the Trustee's Salary Resolution.

Resolution #24-2-13.4

Roll Call Vote Results:

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

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:25pm.

Kimberly Anderson

Whitney Township Clerk