

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of Whitney Township
held on May 14, 2024

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

Present: Zimmermann, Gehris, Becker, Anderson
Absent: McAlindon

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

April 2024

General Fund

Income	\$41479.59	Disbursements	\$156157.69
Balance on Hand	\$63780.85		

Water Department

Income	\$37252.44	Disbursements	\$11595523
Balance on Hand	\$43956.41		

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

Zoning Report:

J. Vinson was unavailable for the meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Revision- it has taken almost 2 years to get it updated with the help of the attorney.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Becker, Roll Call Vote to approve the Revised Zoning Ordinance

Roll Call Vote Results: Zimmermann- Yes Gehris- Yes Becker- Yes Anderson- Yes

Motion passed.

A summary of the changes to the Zoning Ordinance will be published in the Arenac Independent.

Raise for the Zoning Administrator- There was a discussion last month and it was tabled until the next meeting. The proposed raise is \$50.00/month.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to raise the Zoning Administrator's wages by \$50.00/month.

Assessor's Report:

J. Landry was unavailable for the meeting, but she stated in an email that everything was running smoothly.

Fire Authority Report:

Not much is going on. The truck is still 24 months out from delivery.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

The Joint Water Agreement still needs a couple of signatures before it is finalized.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The Joint Board met last night to hire a new maintenance person for the cemetery. The new flags for Memorial Day will be placed by Board members on May 20th.

The compactor at the transfer station is finally working right again.

Public Comment:

*R. Collier came to discuss Delano Road ditch again. After last month's meeting there was a discussion between S. Gingerich, D. Becker, and R. Collier on how to best fix the problem with the ditch. R. Collier, S. Gingerich, and Mr. Martin are supposed to meet to discuss a solution.

EGLE was out to look at the property in question with the Road Commission last week. Brad from the Road Commission is supposed to let the Township know what EGLE decides about the project.

*The Alden's were here about Van Horn Road and whether it had been changed to a county road or not. There is also a culvert that is damaged that they would like to see worked on. Anderson will call the Road Commission about both issues.

*There were 4 tires dumped on Twining Road.

*Julie Hazeltine came to introduce herself to the Board and anyone attending the meeting, she is running for County Treasurer.

Old Business:

Water Clerk Wages- there was a discussion last month about this issue and someone asked for more information on what other Water Clerks in the area get paid. Included in the packet was a list of area Water Clerk Wages: Sims Township \$1666.67/month, AuGres City Water Clerk \$17.90/hour, and Whitney Township \$583.00/month.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to increase the Water Clerk Wages to \$800.00/month.

New Business:

Dust Control- in the past we have always done dust control with a one-pass application, but the Board needs to decide whether to stick with the one-pass application or do we want to switch to a two-pass application. Zimmermann asked if the two-passes could be split into two different applications a month apart, Anderson stated she would have to ask Mylan.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the two-pass application with the applications being applied over a two-month period, if possible.

Resolution for Lynch's Partial Withdrawal from PA 116- under PA 116 you can't change or add a building to the property without removing it from the program.

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Becker, Roll Call Vote to approve resolution for partial withdrawal from PA 116 for the Lynch's.

Roll Call Vote Results: Zimmermann- Yes Gehris-Yes Becker- Yes Anderson- Yes

Resolution passed.

Lawn Mowing- Anderson got a quote for lawn mowing from True Roots Property Maintenance to mow the lawn, the price per cut is \$80.00. We haven't heard from Karl's Serv Pro lawn maintenance on whether they are going to continue or not.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the True Root bid, if Karl's Serv Pro is not going to continue doing the lawn maintenance.

Garbage Fee Increase- the special assessment district needs to be redone, so that the Board can increase the fee for using the Transfer Station. At this time, we are not collecting enough to keep the Transfer Station open for much longer if something isn't done.

Whitestone Condos have in the past had a dumpster for their residence, but they are now having Singing Bridge Sanitation collect their trash and he is taking it to the Transfer Station. None of the units in the Condos are paying the garbage fee on their taxes. Gehris is going to contact Mr. Wolgast about the Condos being charged the garbage fee on their taxes starting in December.

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 8:18pm

Kimberly Anderson

Whitney Township Clerk