

Minutes for Regular Meeting for Whitney Township
held on August 13, 2024

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

Present: Gehris, Becker, Anderson, Zimmermann, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

July 9, 2024

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting with correction.

July 26, 2024

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the Public Hearing minutes from July 26, 2024, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

July 2024

General Fund

Income	\$18915.74	Disbursements	\$48910.90
Balance on Hand	\$33386.80		

Water Department

Income	\$30789.48	Disbursements	\$25607.11
Balance on Hand	\$61666.98		

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

Zoning Report:

Vinson was unavailable for the meeting, but told Anderson that he is working on sending out letters to residents about blight issues. The Township is also waiting for Mr. Zac Neid to get his M-Dot permit, so we can proceed with the site plan review/special exception land use hearing for his storage building project. He has been told not to do anything more with the project until the M-Dot permit is received, and the hearing is done.

Assessor's Report:

Nothing new

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing new is going on.

Sims-Whitney Utilities Authority Report:

Alabaster rate increase letter went out and no one from Alabaster Township has responded to the letter.

With the changes in Board Members after the election there will need to be new members appointed in Sims Township, but they will not start until the July 2025 meeting. Mike DeLeo and Sam Proulx will remain on the Board until the end of June when their term is up according to the Articles of Incorporation.

AT&T hasn't been in touch with Anderson since the last phone conversation where the MD7 representative said that AT&T would be removing their equipment, because we wouldn't negotiate and take a lesser amount of lease money for the panels on the tower.

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

The new compactor had an issue and almost blew up.

New stone on beach driveway at the Cemetery has been done.

Public Comment:

J. Brown asked about the status of the dump fee increase. He was informed that the fee was raised at the Public Hearing on July 26, 2024. The new fee is \$120.00 which will be on the winter taxes.

Old Business:

Roads- Edmonds Road the seasonal section has there been any progress on getting something done.

Turner Road paving was brought up, but that is a County project not the Township's.

New Business:

Hook Up Rates for Water- The current fee is \$2500.00 for a hook up, but that doesn't cover all the costs of installing a new meter service. We need to consider having 2 different fees one that covers if there is a curb stop already in place and the other for a complete installation without curb stop. Sims Township is charging \$3000.00 if there is a curb stop in place and \$6000.00 if a whole new service is needed.

Moved by Zimmermann, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to implement the hookup fees for a complete system to \$5000.00 and increase the fee for installation where there is a curb stop in place to \$3000.00. That is for Whitney and Alabaster Townships both.

Appointing Planning Commission Members- S. Zimmermann and D. Vinson's terms are either expired or close to coming to an end, so we need to reappoint them to the Planning Commission.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to reappoint S. Zimmermann and D. Vinson to the Planning Commission for another 2-year term.

Generator Replacement- the generator that is currently in place no longer works, so we have no back up if the power goes out. To replace the generator will cost \$6945.50 for a 22KW Generac Generator with installation, registration, activation, and start up. There will also be new battery with the new generator. There will be a 5-year warranty through Generac from the day of activation.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to approve the purchase of a new 22KW Generac Generator for the Township Hall.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Zimmermann, CARRIED to adjourn at 7:53pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk