

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held December 10, 2013**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board members present: Benak, Goss, Lawson, Popp

Board members absent: Hubbell

Others present: 5

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Popp suggested that New Business #6 be moved up to the Reports/Presentations category in order that any questions can be directed to Captain Arbenowske or Ambulance Coordinator Martin while they are still present. Benak will give a report on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (added as #5 under Reports/Presentations). Lawson will give a Planning Commission report (added as #6 under Reports/Presentations).

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments

Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Report - No one is present from the Sheriff Department.

County Board of Commissioners Report

Commissioner Inman gave the following report:

- Inman reports he is frustrated with trying to adopt the 2014 County budget. Three members of the BOC are adamant about moving forward with pension bonds for \$40 million. There is also a suggestion to use \$1 million of the \$8 million fund balance to balance the budget. Healthcare costs went up about \$1 million for 2014. They have dropped Blue Cross and gone back to Priority Health. The BOC has spent the last 60 days arguing about how to balance the budget. They have always had a budget before the end of October. They don't have time to make \$1 million worth of cuts right now, but Inman has suggested they start meeting January 1 to make those cuts for 2014 and 2015.
- There is nothing new to report on the Tribe. Inman believes we probably will not hear too much until the Tribe settles their pact with the state.

- There are 2 bills the Township Board should be aware of. One is the veterans' exemption from property taxes. Another bill will allow gas companies not to pay personal property taxes.
- Inman plans to attend the MTA conference in January at the Grand Traverse Resort.
- He wished the Board a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Goss commented that, similar to Inman's objection to the bill which will allow gas companies to pay fewer taxes, the County has supported the removal of land from the tax rolls in Whitewater Township.

Discussion followed.

Battalion #3 Fire Captain Report

Captain Arbenowske gave the following report:

- In November, there were 7 fire/rescue calls, 2 of which were Rural all-calls.
- The department was on standby for the Iceman bike race.
- There have been 48 calls so far this year. Last year there were 87. Seventy calls per year is about normal.
- They had 1 Rural in-service training and pump training.
- A couple glitches with the engine have been fixed.
- The membership in the department is the same. Eric Arbenowske is no longer an Explorer and will be doing his physical on 12/11/2013. He will be full probationary until he goes to school. Tim Shaffer is on medical leave and not allowed to go on calls; Chief Weber is working on that.
- The brush truck has been winterized and put away. The Kubota has been winterized and has a rescue skid on it. Snowmobiles had some rotted fuel lines which will be replaced soon.
- Annual ladder inspection for the engine was satisfactory.
- An inspection of tires that are more than 10 years old has been completed.
- A tanker problem discovered during pump training has been fixed.
- The department attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
- The snow brakes have been installed on the fire station roof.
- Knox boxes in the township have not been updated since 2001. In January, they will start updating boxes at businesses. Some of them have been done. Also, Arbenowske will be finding out what chemicals are being stored by farmers and where they are being stored. Township resident Matt Lyons has volunteered to help.

Discussion followed.

Ambulance Coordinator Report

AC Dawn Martin gave the following report:

- The ambulance service has had 176 runs for the year. They have had some difficulties trying to meet some runs. Hopefully, with the proposal on the agenda tonight, that will be a baby step in the right direction to help with the run situation.

- She thanked her team for doing a great job.
- The Christmas tree is beautiful. She was unable to attend the ceremony.
- She is waiting for a call from the state for an inspection on 3A2. It is ready and paperwork is done, except for a few things to get with the Clerk on.
- There was a Medical Control meeting today. Munson is considering getting a Lucas in the ER. The ED has new fitted sheets.

Brief discussion followed with Ambulance Coordinator Martin.

Consensus was reached that New Business #6, On Call Proposal from Tim Arbenowske and Dawn Martin, should be discussed next.

On Call Proposal from Tim Arbenowske and Dawn Martin

Popp stated the document was provided during budget time. There are two different proposals, one to have 2 people each on two 12-hour shifts, one to have 2 people on a 12-hour shift. Proposed pay is \$40 per person for a 12-hour shift, with personnel to be within 5 minutes of the fire station. Goss stated the annual cost of Proposal 1 would be \$58,400 (not counting run wages) and the annual cost of Proposal 2 would be \$29,200 (not counting run wages). Goss confirmed that the proposal was received at budget time, but it was not part of the budget that was adopted. The budget would have to be looked at to see if it can be implemented. Goss remembers that fire and ambulance budgets were pretty tight and it is unlikely that enough funding is available to implement either proposal for the remainder of the fiscal year, but this should be looked at, or it could be discussed in the next budget cycle. Goss reminded the Board that there is no ambulance millage and insurance reimbursements vary. Popp remembers that the ambulance budget this year is approximately \$90,000 and revenue was anticipated to be about one-third of that. Finding \$60,000 will be a very tall task.

Goss inquired which 12 hours of the day would be included if the 12/7/365 proposal was adopted. Arbenowske replied that it would be when it is needed, when it is harder to get someone there, and may not be the same hours 7 days a week. Goss also inquired what would happen if the response was not within 5 minutes. Arbenowske stated Straughen does on call shifts in Interlochen and he stays at the station during those shifts. That would be a requirement. Martin does not believe it will be an issue; those who are not in the area will come and stay at the station.

Benak stated that the reason this has been brought up is because we do not have people responding because they are at work. The casino is no longer letting employees leave for Priority 1 calls. This was confirmed by Arbenowske and Martin. Popp stated a number of things have happened in a short period of time and the complexion of the ambulance service has changed, also that Buckley and Kingsley are going through this issue. Popp stated if the board is going to ask an emergency responder to leave family for 12 hours and be paid \$40, his thought is that does not compensate them fairly. Popp related that he wore a pager for 18 years in the fire suppression business, and that for the last month he has been wearing one of Whitewater Township's pagers and he knows firsthand what it is like to be limited. Discussion followed regarding whether the proposal would work and for how long.

Popp stated this would be a different philosophy, moving away from a volunteer system into a paid system. Arbenowske referred to a book written by FEMA in 2007 entitled "Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services" and stated it hits the nail on the head with our situation here. Popp had previously asked Arbenowske and Martin to think about performing other tasks in the township while being paid to be on call. Popp says we need help to try and fund it. Popp stated he does not see that the proposal can be implemented in the current budget year, but he will start on the new budget after the first of the year and welcomes anyone to come in and help find ways to cut and save.

Benak inquired where the spreadsheet came from showing what other stations are paid. Arbenowske replied that he contacted those stations for the information. Benak inquired how it is working for those stations, whether they are having trouble with people showing up to do the on call. From what he has heard over the pager, Arbenowske stated it is usually not an issue. Discussion followed regarding Fife Lake fire and ambulance.

Martin stated that other EMS providers (from other townships) have voiced that they would be willing to come to Whitewater Township. Discussion followed concerning how scheduling would be done, getting Metro and NorthFlight EMTs involved. Benak does not have a problem using a pool of qualified professionals. Benak said the only other option is for the township to start doing some recruiting. Popp stated the proposal cannot be approved without finding money.

Tim Shaffer inquired whether the \$29,200 and \$58,400 figures were for a full year. Popp replied yes. Shaffer stated that, in the new budget, the township may want to look at going out for a millage.

Goss stated there is no ambulance millage and the fire special assessment district can only be used for fire. The township needs a combination fire/ambulance millage that goes before the voters every 10 years. There is currently no extra money for ambulance; it must come out of the General Fund.

Shaffer stated no one anticipated an ambulance service 40 some years ago, at the time of the fire special assessment district. A community law enforcement agent may need to be considered in the future as well.

In conclusion, Popp stated that he has a meeting with Jay Zollinger (Acme Township Supervisor) tomorrow and he has had meetings with Larry Niederstadt (Clearwater Township Supervisor). They are trying to approach this as a corridor thing. He stated there is a lot going on behind the scenes.

Regarding a millage, Arbenowske stated if a millage does not pass, the fire special assessment district would be needed.

Popp stated that Garfield Township (Kankaska County) built a new fire barn which houses 7 apparatus pieces, 2 ambulances, and a constable. Popp added we need to think out of the box.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Report

Township Board Liaison Benak has given each Board member a blue folder containing the Draft Parks & Recreation Master Plan, as well as provided a public copy. She suggested the plan be put on a January or February agenda. Last night's PRAC meeting was spent reviewing the draft.

Popp inquired about a report which was to be forthcoming, referenced on Page 2132 of the 11/12/2013 Township Board minutes. Benak replied that Knapp did not have anything ready. Knapp has been asked to attend a Three Lakes Association meeting on 12/12/2013. The DNR will be there. They want to see the pictures that were taken. Battle Creek is a designated trout stream. The blockage/plug is causing flooding upstream, and the creek is supposed to be free-flowing. Knapp is trying to find funding to have someone else remove the plug at Battle Creek Natural Area, at which point it will be brought to the Board.

Planning Commission Report

Popp referenced the 10/02/2013 PC approved with clarification minutes, Page 2, and stated that he believes the reference to Public Act 3208 is incorrect and should be sent back for correction.

Lawson reported that the PC last met on 12/04/2013 and essentially rewrote Section 5 again. Other items were pushed to the January agenda. Lawson inquired whether draft minutes of PC meetings should be sent to the Board. Goss stated she needs them only to post on the website. Consensus was reached that they do not need to be sent to the Board as long as they can be read on the township website.

Consent Calendar

Referencing the 10/14/2013 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes, Goss stated that Liaison Benak should be listed under an Also Present category and not under the Committee Members Present category. Benak will let the Recording Secretary know.

Referencing the 10/16/2013 Rural Fire Board minutes, Page 8, Payroll, Goss inquired who the payroll is for, since Rural's firemen are only paid once a year. Popp listed those individuals he believes are included in the payroll.

Benak pointed out the sentence on Page 1 of the Rural Fire minutes stating, "Popp requested that the Ad Hoc Committee manufacture the minutes of their meetings" and stated that she hoped Popp will get that corrected. Popp replied that he was two minutes late to the meeting and they had all voted to approve the minutes. Popp stated the record will reflect that the Rural Fire Board knew the minutes were wrong.

Referencing the 10/14/2013 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes, Popp feels they really jump around a lot.

Goss cited a couple corrections she made upon reviewing the Draft 11/12/2013 Township Board Minutes, one typographical error on Page 2132 and some bolding that needed to be added.

Motion by Benak, seconded by Lawson, to approve the Consent Calendar items as follows:

Receive and File

1. Supervisor's Report for November 2013
2. Clerk's Report for November 2013
3. Zoning Administrator's Report for November 2013
4. Fire Captain's September and November 2013 Activity Reports
5. Ambulance Coordinator's November 2013 Activity Report
6. Treasurer's Reports for Month Ending 09/30/2013
7. Approved 10/02/2013 (with clarification) Planning Commission Minutes
8. Approved 10/09/2013 Historical Society Minutes
9. Approved 10/14/2013 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
10. Approved 11/06/2013 Planning Commission Minutes
11. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department 10/16/2013 Minutes

Correspondence

1. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Statistics for November 2013
2. 11/21/2013 Letter from Charter re Pricing and Packaging
3. 11/22/2013 NWMCOG eNews

Minutes

1. Recommend approval of November 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes

Bills for Approval

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers # 37634 - 37728
2. Approval of Alden State Bank Miami Beach voucher # 1143

Budget Amendments (none)

Revenue & Expenditure Report (none)

Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, absent; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes.

Unfinished Business

List of Questions for Auditors

Goss provided a copy of her list of questions to all Board members at the meeting, and also forwarded a PDF version of same via e-mail to Popp.

Report from Treasurer Benak on New Bank Accounts re: FDIC Rules

Benak stated she did not request this item be put on the agenda. She has not yet had an opportunity to address this issue.

Popp stated he would converse with the Treasurer before adding it to next month's agenda.

New Business

Leppien/Dann Nickerson Subdivision Lot Split

Popp stated an application has been filed by Leppien and Dann to share a vacant lot that separates their primary residences. The copy of Ordinance 16 provided in the packet is very close to the original version with the exception of some formatting and punctuation. For purposes of tonight's application, Section 4.69 is exactly the same as the original. Popp stated Mr. Leppien is present and the application is straightforward. Popp directed attention to the deed recorded at Liber 173 Page 232, numbered item 2, which states that "No business of any manner or description shall be conducted on the property hereby conveyed, or any part thereof," and numbered item 3, which states, "Not more than one one-family dwelling, and a garage therefor, shall be erected on each lot, the floor plan of said dwelling to be not less than 16 feet by 20 feet. Further, no shacks or tents, or other temporary shelter, shall be placed on the above described property."

Benak inquired whether this is the same deed that said that it had to be re-ratified in order to be legal or otherwise following the Whitewater Zoning Ordinance. Popp replied those were association guidelines, which was a separate document sometimes recorded with these deeds. Popp does not see that stipulation on this particular deed.

Craig Leppien, 527 Shelly B Lane, pointed out that it also says he cannot sell his house to someone that is non-Caucasian.

Popp pointed out that Mr. Leppien has done his due diligence, and also that numbered item 2 in the deed differs from our Zoning Ordinance; we do allow businesses in residential property.

Leppien states his intention is to build a pole building.

Goss reminded the Board that Zoning Administrator Habedank requested at the last Board meeting that an agreement be signed between Leppien and Dann stating the piece of land each acquires becomes part of their lot and becomes a buildable lot.

Mr. Leppien states he is okay signing such a document.

Popp directed the Board's attention to the last 2 sentences of Ordinance 16, Section 4.69, Lot Division, which state, "The division of a lot resulting in a smaller area than prescribed herein may be permitted but only for the purpose of adding to the existing building site or sites." Popp believes this language was the ZA's original impetus for the document. Mr. Leppien has filled out the combination form along with the split. Popp also stated that Lot #21 will change to a new number assigned by the assessor.

Benak inquired when the application was scanned in as the one in the packet does not have her signature on it, as required. Popp replied that the Treasurer still has the final say. Goss stated a phrase should be added to the motion stating subject to verification of taxes paid.

Motion by Popp, seconded by Lawson, that the Whitewater Township Board approve the land division of Lot 21 of Nickerson’s Subdivision #1, adding one-half of Lot 21 to Lot 24 and one-half to Lot 25, subject to Treasurer, Zoning, and Assessor approval. Roll call vote: Goss, yes; Hubbell, absent; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes.

Planning Commission Appointments

Popp recommends that Mickey Dean, 4020 Farrell Road, Williamsburg, be appointed to a new 3-year term on the Planning Commission. **Motion by Lawson, seconded by Benak, to confirm the recommendation of the Supervisor appointing Mickey Dean to a 3-year position on the Whitewater Township Planning Commission, term to expire 12/31/2016. On voice vote, all present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

Popp recommends that Kim Mangus, 1214 Cerro Drive, Traverse City, be appointed to a new 3-year term on the Planning Commission. **Motion by Goss, seconded by Lawson, to confirm the recommendation of the Supervisor appointing Kim Mangus to a 3-year position on the Whitewater Township Planning Commission, term to expire 12/31/2016. On voice vote, all present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

Popp recommends that Pat Miller, 10199 Elk Lake Trail, Williamsburg, be appointed to a new 3-year term on the Planning Commission. **Motion by Benak, seconded by Lawson, to confirm the recommendation of the Supervisor appointing Pat Miller to a 3-year position on the Whitewater Township Planning Commission, term to expire 12/31/2016. On voice vote, all present were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.**

Rural Fire Annual Budget Review/Comments

Popp commented that the Rural Fire budget has gone up a bit. He believes this budget has some concerns for taxpayer money. It is proposed that they reduce savings by \$100,000 and that \$100,000 will be removed from investments to spend \$50,000 on turnout gear and \$25,000 on a new computer system. Rural Chief Theo Weber wishes to have in-house hosting of e-mail and the webpage. There is also \$25,000 in additional wages. Another \$25,000 has an undetermined purpose. Discussion followed.

Referring to Page 1 of 5, Goss noted various assessments going up and down, and inquired why an assessment would go down. Popp explained how assessments are calculated.

Referring to Page 2 of 5, Goss asked why there was no “2012 Actual” figure listed under line item 702.001, Fire Chief/CEO. Popp explained that no person was in that position. Sedlacek was terminated as Fire Chief and brought back as a private consultant.

Popp directed the Board to line item 718.800 showing that Julie Dunham’s retirement cost Rural Fire \$29,188 in 2013. The proposed amount for 2014 is much less at \$7,730. This is because all of the MERS employee costs have been amortized over employees who are not in MERS.

Referring to Page 3, Goss understands that line item 818.000, Battalions Comp, is the points compensation.

Referring to Page 4, line item 956.001, Computer/Online Service, Goss noted there is quite a jump from 2013 to 2014. Popp believes that is the Firehouse program only.

Popp inquired what the Board members would like him to pass along at the budget meeting.

Benak stated she believes the in-house system is the wrong way to go and they should get quotes. Also, outdated turnout gear is being issued.

Popp stated the problem is that there is no replacement fund in the Rural Fire budget.

Popp will pass along concerns for line items related to replacements and in-house hosting. Popp inquired whether he should vote to approve it. Benak said not unless they make changes. Lawson said no. Goss stated it sounds like it is a heavy budget. Goss also noted that the proposed budget shows revenues through 09/30/2013 of \$654,000, expenses of \$471,000, and there is a \$64,000 increase in their budget over 2013. Rural Fire should be asked to explain the reason for the increase. Further discussion followed.

11/12/2013 Consent Calendar Approval

Popp stated that last month he made a mistake in accepting a voice vote on approval of the 11/12/2013 Consent Calendar. It should have been a roll call vote. Popp would like to have a roll call vote reaffirming last month's Consent Calendar. **Motion by Goss, seconded by Popp, to approve the 11/12/2013 Consent Calendar items as presented.** (See listing in 11/12/2013 Township Board minutes.) **Roll call vote: Hubbell, absent; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes; Goss, yes.**

Letter of Intent – Intergovernmental Agreement with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians re: Emergency Services Building

Popp directed the Board to Page 4 of the 03/22/2012 Memorandum of Charles Stewart, specifically, "At the June 2011 Township Board meeting the Township Board motioned and approved to work with the Tribe to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement for emergency service needs, and to work with the Tribe on the development of an emergency service facility." Popp questioned whether another agreement is needed.

Benak replied that the Tribe has asked Whitewater Township to reaffirm, much like the Tribe did. Benak stated that Chuck Stewart gave a presentation to a joint meeting held on 06/28/2011 of the Township Board and Emergency Services Advisory Committee and a motion was made, specifically, "Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell, to work with the Grand Traverse Band to develop a written Emergency Management Services Plan and an Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion approved."

Popp stated that the majority of the Board did change, so he has no problem with it either way.

Popp also referred the Board to Page 3 of the 03/22/2012 Memorandum, the paragraph entitled Facility Needs Assessment, which states as follows: "A small facility helps with O&M

(operation and maintenance) cost that through this proposed agreement will help minimize the Township's operation budget burden. If the facility is too large, the Township will likely need to continue seeking funds to help pay or offset their needs of the facility and defeats the purpose of this proposal; the Tribe should only be considered the landlord since the Township already has both trained personnel and administration to operate EMS and fire, so the proposal is after the facility is constructed, the Tribe's obligation is only as the owner of the land and building. The Township's O&M cost should balance to not more than their existing budget if done right."

Popp disagrees with this statement, stating the Tribe wants to be a good neighbor. Popp and everyone else's neighbors pay to have fire and ambulance services, and he has asked the Tribe to make a contribution that goes to nothing but fire and ambulance. Discussion followed.

Popp also directed attention to the second to last paragraph on Page 3 of the 03/22/2012 Memorandum, specifically, "As the Tribe continues to develop their property, there will be a significant increase of commercial and residential development that would mean the Tribe will have to consider constructing an emergency service building in the future anyways. It doesn't make sense to have two facilities in one community." Popp stated it should be no surprise that every major tribal casino facility has an on-reservation fire department.

Popp also noted that he had received a text message from Trustee Hubbell indicating his support for the motion.

Referencing the Facility Assessment Outcome Proposal paragraph on Page 3 of the same Memorandum, Goss quoted the following sentence, "If the Tribe constructs the facility on tribal land, the rough O&M annual cost of a new single facility should come in somewhere near \$125,000 - \$150,000" Goss noted this amount is more than we are currently paying.

Goss also pointed to Page 1861 of the minutes of the 06/28/2011 joint meeting of the Whitewater Township Board and Emergency Services Advisory Committee wherein it is stated that the length of a lease would be 50 years. Goss inquired whether the township would be locked into a 50 year lease. Benak replied that what ends up happening is that any out clause benefits both parties.

Additionally, Goss pointed out that she will eventually need to personally hear from the electorate that they have no problem with a facility on tribal land, either through a survey or a ballot. Benak stated that hopefully what we can tell the electorate is all good news. Also, Goss has a concern that the arrangement with the tribe will be trading one rental situation for another rental situation and what use restrictions will exist.

(At 9:56 p.m., Trustee Lawson left the board table.)

Goss also stated that, as she understands it, the resolution binds the township to nothing. It is strictly for investigation of facility size and operational costs. Benak and Popp agreed.

(At 9:58 p.m., Trustee Lawson returned to the board table.)

Specifically addressing the Resolution #13-13 document, Board members suggested various revisions, all of which were discussed and agreed upon.

Motion by Popp, seconded by Lawson, to adopt Resolution #13-13, Resolution to Develop an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (The Tribe) and Whitewater Township, as modified. Roll call vote: Lawson, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, absent. Motion carries.

On Call Proposal from Tim Arbenowske and Dawn Martin
(Moved to the Reports/Presentations category)

General Ordinance 32 – Private Road Ordinance

Referencing Section 7 of Ordinance 32, Exception/Appeals, Popp stated that he believes a prior board performed an exception one other time. However, he has not been able to track down where the board voted on it or a posted application or a fee charged or paid. Discussion followed. Popp needs help figuring out how to get Section 7 done because there appears to be no process in place. Popp also stated the reason this is a general ordinance and not a zoning ordinance is because it can be passed with no public input. Benak feels Ordinance 32 should be moved into the Zoning Ordinance so the Planning Commission can address it and make any changes necessary; too many township residents are having hardships because of Ordinance 32. Lawson stated his research shows there must be four divisions before road improvements are required. Popp stated there were seven lots existing before Ordinance 32. An eighth lot was developed post Ordinance 32.

Goss pointed to the relief clause contained in Section 7 and believes the Board should follow the ordinance and allow applicants to be heard. An application fee should be established, applications filed, and the Planning Commission review the applications and make a recommendation to the Township Board. According to the ordinance, it is the Township Board's job to review hardship applications. Goss believes Ordinance 32 should be followed for now, while the Board investigates the process to get it into the Zoning Ordinance.

Popp suggested that the Board agree to establish a fee and an application to start the process. Popp recommends a fee of \$250. Discussion followed. Consensus was reached that the fee will be \$250 and the application form will be similar to what is filed for a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, also that this new fee will be added to the existing fee schedule. Popp will generate a form and a revised fee schedule.

Acknowledgement of Donations to Whitewater Township Park

Popp would like to acknowledge that township resident Bob Campbell donated a significant amount of wood to the park. Popp and two of his sons spent two full weekends hauling the donated wood to the park, making 14 trips with a 12,000 pound tandem axle dump trailer, the use of which was graciously donated by Ryan and Nicole Stibbs. Popp will draft an affidavit of donation for Mr. Campbell in the amount of \$250 to \$300, the approximate value of the wood. Popp stated he is sure there is more than 5 pulp cord of wood there. Popp also noted that the

donation of time by his 13-year-old twin boys may need signature verification. Popp will send thank you notes to Campbell and Stibbs. Benak will include acknowledgement of these donations in the next E-letter.

Tabled Items

None

Board Comments/Discussion

Benak noted that 2% grant applications are due on 12/31/2013. She suggested that a grant be written to request funding of the on call ambulance service through the end of the fiscal year. Discussion followed. Popp would be on board to go with the total \$60,000. Popp may have a grant writer who can step right in; he will find out tomorrow. Consensus reached to apply for on call funding through the 2% grant process.

Announcement

The next Township Board meeting is 01/14/2014.

Public Comment

Tim Shaffer, 5309 Moore Road, stated he thought an Intergovernmental Agreement had already been done. He inquired what more had been done regarding a building. Regarding the private roads, he stated the requirement for 6 inches of road gravel is so that they can get the fire truck down the roads. Also, he believes a proposal should be put before the voters regarding the funding of emergency services. If it does not pass, the fire special assessment district would stay in place. Also, there is property available at Elk Lake and Cram Road that was purchased specifically for that use; will the Tribe let us use that property.

Benak and Popp replied to Mr. Shaffer's questions/comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Lawson, seconded by Goss, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk