

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 28, 2014**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Board members present: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Popp

Board members absent: Lawson

Others present: 1

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

None

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Public Hearing**

None

**Reports/Presentations**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business****Budget Work Session**

Popp provided the Board with a budget document covering all funds to be budgeted and inquired where the Board would like to begin. Benak is concerned about what is reported through January for revenue. Goss stated the document only shows revenue through November 30.

Popp stated the document gives a historical picture encompassing about 5 years.

Benak stated Wayne Schmidt has submitted House Bill 5215 for reimbursement to local taxing units for the revenue lost through veterans' exemptions. Discussion followed.

Starting with Page 2, General Fund expenditures, the Board reviewed the proposed budget figures line by line up to department 265, account numbers 740 and 930.

### **Tabled Items**

None

### **Board Comments/Discussion**

The Board will continue the next budget work session using the same budget worksheets used tonight.

### **Announcements**

Popp commented that the next meeting will be February 11, which has been assigned to the fire department and ambulance service.

Goss stated some tax resolutions and an ambulance budget transfer should be handled at the meeting.

Benak stated she and Goss would be meeting about setting up the new bank accounts.

Also, Goss will need to bring on an authorization for her to sign documents to set up electronic payments from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Popp indicated that Rural Chief Weber is planning to attend the February 11th meeting; also that Trustee Lawson requested that the budget document go out with the packet.

Discussion followed.

Benak stated she will be adding an item of controversy to the Board agenda for February 11th.

Discussion followed.

Consensus reached to call a special meeting on February 4th at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will be budget work session and claim of malfeasance.

Discussion followed on the issue of length of meetings and length of public comment.

### **Public Comment**

Lois MacLean, 5919 Linderleaf Lane, stated public comment can be conducted without back and forth discussion. She also inquired if the Board is planning to do anything for Tim Shaffer's retirement.

Popp was told that Chief Weber is handling it.

Benak stated Chief Weber is coordinating with the auxiliary on it.

Hubbell stated Shaffer has dedicated a lot of years and should be recognized by the Township Board.

Discussion followed concerning a resolution and/or a plaque. Consensus reached that Township Board members will do something on their own collectively.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Hubbell, seconded by Goss, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss  
Whitewater Township Clerk