

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held March 12, 2014**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board Members Present: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Lawson, Popp

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

No adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

Budget Work Session

Discussion held on the following budget revisions:

- General Fund revenue line item 671, Scrap Tire Expense, will be zero.
- Cell tower lease revenue, line item 670, can be revised upward to \$35,400.
- Board of Review line item 880, Education & Training, should be increased from \$200 to \$500.
- General Fund expenditure line item 999, Transfers to Other Funds, has been decreased by \$2,500. Likewise, the Road Repair/Replacement Fund line item 699, Transfers from Other Funds, will decrease by \$2,500 and is now at \$12,500.
- Page 9, Fire Fund, Capital Expenditures, any leftover money at year-end will go back into the fund balance of Fire Fund. Popp inquired whether those funds can be shifted to Fire Capital Improvement Fund. Goss will check with the auditors.
- Petobego fencing money of \$1,800 will be available in the 2014/2015 budget.
- The \$18,000 figure in the Park Fund Capital Expenditure line item will be revised upward to \$19,500 and is made up of \$12,500 for the stairway, \$1,500 for the computer for online scheduling, \$1,000 for Internet equipment, \$3,500 for a credit card machine, and \$1,000 for a safe. Goss will add an Internet line item in the Park Fund for the monthly Internet fee and \$750 will be budgeted to this.
- All Contingency line items in all funds are unallocated
- Brief discussion held concerning various items which need to be repaired at Whitewater Township Park.

Brief discussion held regarding improved relations between the Fire Captain and Ambulance Coordinator.

The possibility of a township handyman position was briefly discussed.

Concerning the \$80,000 allocated at last night's Township Board meeting for ambulance personnel expense, the 999 Transfers to Other Funds line item in the General Fund will increase from \$94,500 to \$174,500. Likewise, the 699 Transfers from Other Funds line item in the Ambulance Fund will increase from \$52,000 to \$132,000. Goss will investigate the creation of two new wage line items in the Ambulance Fund to track the duty crew and on-call wages.

Allocating more funds to the Road Fund to cover two brine applications was discussed. Expenditure line item 846 Road Brining will be increased to \$22,000. In order to balance, 699 Transfers From Other Funds will be increased to \$18,400. This will result in a decrease in the amount to be transferred from General Fund to Road Repair/Replacement Fund, which will now be \$4,100.

It was noted by Goss that there are operating deficits in the Park Fund, General Fund, and Recreation Fund.

Board Comments/Discussion

Benak stated she will be closing with the County on Friday. At that time, she will give the Clerk the numbers for personal property tax that need to be rolled into accounts receivable.

Hubbell stated he has a couple items to address. He appreciates what the PC has done, but he does not feel good about waiting till November (to review the Master Plan). He would encourage us to get it done.

Discussion followed.

Popp brought up that, because of the claims made on 02/04/2014 that Popp has strong-armed the PC, the PC will have to reaffirm all of their decisions. This could create another delay.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Hubbell also stated the email from Chuck Stewart is damn good news and he feels that it is his right and Benak's right to speak to the Tribe. Hubbell stated what Popp told Benak last night and the way it came across was a real tongue-lashing and he does not think it is right.

Discussion followed.

Goss stated the ball has been in the Tribe's court since the resolution was signed. If we are going to get something done, we need to see something pretty soon.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Goss, seconded by Hubbell, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk