

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held November 19, 2015**

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, Lawson, Popp

Board Members absent: None

Others present: None

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

No adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

Popp noted there is no one in the audience but stated he would like to make a public comment.

Ron Popp, 6237 Elkview Drive, stated last night's Rural Fire Board meeting was interesting and very lengthy. Green Lake's potential number for purchasing their fire equipment in the barn is somewhere between \$110,000 and \$130,000. Exceptions are the rescue boat, water supply truck, and air truck. Popp believes the Rural Fire board will agree to it. The teeth in the agreement have been removed by the board's action. Also, the Rural Fire offices will be moving from Vance Road to Paradise Township fire station. There will be at least one other truck, the air truck, stored in Whitewater Township.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice**Review/Decision re: Architect/Design Service Estimates – 8380 Old M-72**

Goss met with Dave Whiteford and Dan Rudy at the fire station for a tour of the facility. They were each given the existing layout sketch, Lawson's proposed sketch, Popp's proposed sketch, as well as a list of minimum requirements, such as two minimum-sized sleeping quarters, office space for fire, desk space for ambulance, a better laid out kitchen, unisex bathroom, shower facility. The original building plans were found. There was discussion with each regarding possible expansion of the existing footprint.

Popp believes there should be two bathrooms, one male, one female, and that the south wall should be moved south.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Benak would like to include Tim Arbenowske in the design issue.

Discussion followed.

Goss stated MMR needs to be brought in, too, anyone that is working in the building.

Specifics of each proposal were discussed.

The issue of who will answer the day-to-day questions during the construction phase was discussed.

Popp noted that Morton Buildings offers design-build.

Motion by Popp to accept Dan Rudy's (Direct Designs) proposal.

Discussion followed.

The motion was seconded by Hubbell. There was no further discussion. **Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes. Motion carried.**

Popp stated he wants to briefly touch on a design.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Working within the existing footprint, or authorizing a design submittal that goes outside the footprint.
- Tell Dan Rudy to work within the existing footprint if he can get the space needed, or go out the south wall, without specifying how far to go out.
- Popp would prefer male/female bathrooms, as opposed to the one bathroom shown on his sketch.
- Tell Dan Rudy to design additional square footage across the entire south wall.
- The administrative portion would be bid and built now, the other portion later.
- Chief Weber's input should be obtained regarding the apparatus bay.
- The septic tank will be moved, if needed.

Goss stated she will call Dan Rudy tomorrow with the information.

Popp suggested the west wall could go out toward the post office.

Brief discussion followed.

Board Comments/Discussion

Benak reminded the board that the first Tuesday in December is the tree lighting ceremony.

There was brief discussion about newsletter articles.

Hubbell stated he will not be at the December 8 meeting due to a cherry committee meeting and convention.

Benak stated she will look to see if the upcoming MTA zoning training is offered online and let Brad (Link) know.

In answer to Hubbell's question about videotaping board meetings, it was noted that we are awaiting further information.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion by Hubbell, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk