

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 25, 2020**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

On a revised special meeting notice posted and distributed on 2/22, Goss added Approval of 2020 Whitewater Township Park Wood Vendor.

Popp disagreed with adding it to the agenda, stating who would look for a contract approval in a budget work session meeting, and said he would be happy to call a special meeting or include it on the March agenda.

Goss noted the time-sensitive nature of getting the vendor in place now in order to get wood for this year.

Discussion followed. Benak, Hubbell and Lawson were in agreement with the addition.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

No public present.

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice**Approval of 2020 Whitewater Township Park Wood Vendor**

Goss explained the two quotes for 100 cord of cut/split firewood and asked for approval to sign the Mich-Tick proposal.

Motion by Hubbell to approve Mich-Tick Wood LLC as the 2020 firewood vendor for Whitewater Township Park and to authorize the clerk to sign the proposal; second by Lawson. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lawson, yes; Popp, no. Motion carried.

Budget Work Session

Goss explained the Park Fund revenues and expenditures. No changes were made.

Goss explained the Recreation Fund revenues and expenditures. Several changes were made, including increasing the Facility Repairs/Maintenance allocation to \$23,840 in order to budget for additional work as follows:

- Repair or replace kiosk at Petobego Natural Area.
- Clear Lossie Road Nature Trail to width of 8'.
- Clear Battle Creek Natural Area trails to width of 8'.

Capital Expenditures was increased by \$1,000 to provide seed money for the proposed walkway over the 220' wet area on Lossie Road Nature Trail, which a community member has volunteered to pay for.

Ambulance Fund revenues and expenditures were reviewed. Several expenditure figures were adjusted.

Public Improvement Fund will receive a \$50,000 transfer in from the General Fund.

There was discussion of the need for an overall assessment of the township to address building needs, a possible downtown, what to do with the commercial district, size of the industrial section, assembling a committee as well as a consulting firm to investigate options, including possible sewer in the lower burg and road repairs.

It was agreed that \$10,000 will be allocated in the Professional Services line item.

With respect to the Fire Capital Improvement Fund, \$10,000 will be transferred in from the General Fund. Capital expenditures will be the balance due on the pumper tanker, half of the cost of the asphalt project at the Emergency Services Building, as well as half of the remainder due to Machin Engineering on the asphalt project, bringing total expenditures to \$233,000.

It was agreed that the final budget work session will take place on March 19 at 6:00 p.m. and the budget public hearing will take place on March 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Public Comment

No public present.

Adjournment

Motion by Lawson to adjourn; second by Hubbell. On voice vote, all those present voted in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk