

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Special Meeting held August 6, 2021**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Board members present: Treasurer Benak, Clerk Goss, Trustee Hubbell, Popp, Trustee Vollmuth  
Board members absent: None  
Others present: 2

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

There were no adjustments.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

Linda Slopsema, 9693 Miami Beach Road, spoke about frustration with the last-minute court order to cancel the election and related issues.

Renee Savage, 9833 Pineneedle Lane, business owner on M-72, said the township is divided on this issue and asked that the board put any permits or rulings on starting to do this until after the people have a chance to vote.

Vern Gutknecht said residents should vote on major zoning ordinance changes.

**Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice**

**Closed Session with Counsel to Discuss Northpoint Farms LLC -vs- Whitewater Township**  
Goss noted that Attorney Meagher supplied the motion.

**Motion by Goss that regarding the case of Northpoint Farms, LLC v Whitewater Township, now pending in the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-035830-AW, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township; second by Benak.**

**Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Popp, yes; Vollmuth, yes. Motion carried.**

At 2:09 p.m., the open session was recessed.

A closed session of the township board took place in an office at the township hall.

At 3:45 p.m., the open session was reconvened.

**Motion by Goss to end closed session and return to open session; second by Hubbell.**

**Roll call vote: Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Popp, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Benak, yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Goss to authorize the attorneys to proceed as discussed during closed session; second by Benak.**

**Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Popp, no; Vollmuth, no; Benak, yes; Goss, yes. Motion carried.**

**Board Comments/Discussion**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Hubbell to adjourn; second by Benak. Roll call vote: Popp, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss  
Whitewater Township Clerk