

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 16, 2023**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Board Members present in person: Clerk Goss, Treasurer Benak, Popp, Trustee Glenn, Trustee Vollmuth

Board Members absent: None

Others present in person: 1

Others present via Zoom: 8

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

Popp requested to add legal opinion to an upcoming agenda.

Added as Item #2, Set Date for Legal Opinion Review.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

Public comment began at 9:01 a.m.

Vicki Beam

Connie Hymore

Linda Slopsema

Carolan Sonderegger (Grand Traverse Band natural resources manager)

Heidi Vollmuth

Public comment ended at 9:16 a.m.

**Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice****FURTHER REVIEW OF BIDS/DECISION**

Andrew Filler from Fleis & VandenBrink is present via Zoom.

***Motion by Benak to award Molon Excavating the bid for phase one of the Whitewater Township Park Improvement Project at a cost of \$484,727.71 based on the recommendations of Fleis & VandenBrink engineering firm; second by Goss.***

Topics discussed included:

- Base bid price plus alternates A, B, D, and E = \$524,497 (per Glenn), \$524,291 rounded (per Goss), \$524,290.25 (per Benak).
- A 15% contingency will be added.
- F&V contract is roughly \$53,000.

- PSA with F&V includes bidding and construction engineering.
- Who will be the owner's representative. Popp wants to put in \$30,000 for an owner's representative, bringing the total to \$685,933.90.
- \$30,000 has been paid to F&V.
- Cost of ranger station.
- \$325,894.19 Park Fund monies transferred to General Fund.
- Total project cost, as well as other details of the original 2019 conceptual plan.
- 15% contingency added brings it to \$602,933.90.

***Revised motion: Motion by Benak to award Molon Excavating the bid dated 01/30/2023 for phase one (items 1 through 19) at a cost of \$461,034.71, plus the correction letter dated 02/13/2023 in the amount of \$23,900, as well as Alternate Price Bids A, B, D and E at a cost of \$39,562.64, of the Whitewater Township Park Improvement Project, for a total cost of \$524,290.35, based on the recommendations of Fleis & VandenBrink engineering firm.***

***Goss seconded the revised motion.***

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

Goss will forward the motion to Stout and Filler.

Goss will provide the board with a copy of the boat wash grant award.

#### **SET DATE FOR (HYMORE COMPLAINT) LEGAL OPINION REVIEW**

Popp noted attorney availability for a closed session. Matt Kuschel is the attorney on this matter.

9:00 a.m. on 2/21 will be the time set for the closed session. Kuschel will be asked to provide the motion for closed session, as well as a Zoom link.

#### **Board Comments/Discussion**

Vollmuth commented regarding clarification on boat wash.

#### **Public Comment**

Public comment began at 11:44 a.m.

Jane Rohl (Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council)

Vern Gutknecht

Linda Slopsema

Connie Hymore

Dan Mays (Grand Traverse Band biologist)

Public comment ended at 12:02 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

***Motion by Benak to adjourn; second by Vollmuth. Roll call vote: Goss, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Glenn, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes.***

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Cheryl A. Goss  
Whitewater Township Clerk