

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held February 21, 2023**

Call to Order

In the absence of the supervisor, Clerk Goss 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, Trustee Vollmuth, Trustee Glenn

Board Members absent: Supervisor Popp

Others present in person: Zoom Facilitator Lois MacLean and 4 others

Others present via Zoom: 9

Goss read the statute pertaining to supervisor absence at board meetings.

Benak nominated Glenn to be the meeting moderator; second by Vollmuth.

Glenn did not accept the nomination.

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Benak did not accept the nomination.

Vollmuth nominated Goss to be the meeting moderator; second by Benak.

Goss accepted the nomination.

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

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

There were no adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

Public comment began at 9:03 a.m.

Vicki Beam

Karin Boyd

Connie Hymore

Frank Hymore (by Connie Hymore)

Vicky Emerson

Public comment ended at 9:18 a.m.

Benak corrected an alleged “fact” that was stated by Connie Hymore. The treasurer does not approve a land division; treasurer’s involvement is to verify taxes are paid before approval, not to check the application.

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice

REVIEW LEGAL OPINION REGARDING HYMORE COMPLAINT – CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Glenn to enter closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(h) and MCL 15.243(1)(g) in order to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the township attorney regarding township land divisions and specifically parcel 13-136-001-02; second by Benak.

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

At 9:21 a.m., the meeting recessed.

At 10:31 a.m., the meeting reconvened.

Motion by Glenn to proceed as discussed in closed session with additional research of state law and the local ordinance; second by Benak.

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

BUDGET WORK SESSION – GENERAL FUND AND ALL OTHER FUNDS

Proposed General Fund revenue figures and General Fund departments 101 Township Board through 276 Cemetery expenditure figures were reviewed and revised, with the exception of department 171 Supervisor due to Popp’s absence.

Wages proposed to be increased include:

- Township board trustees \$220/meeting
- Supervisor \$30,068
- Clerk \$30,645
- Treasurer \$30,068
- Board of Review members \$75/meeting, \$16/hour

Goss will look for an auditor RFP template on the MTA website.

Regarding Cleanup Day, Benak would like to do the scrap tire grant again, if it is still available.

The next budget work session on 2/22 will begin with department 400 Planning Commission.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

Public Comment

Public comment began at 12:22 p.m.

Connie Hymore
Vicki Beam

Public comment ended at 12:26 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk