

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Special Meeting held June 20, 2023**

Call to Order

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 Glenn, Trustee Vollmuth, Popp

Board members absent: None

Others present in person: 4

Others present via Zoom: 11

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

There were no adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

Public comment began at 9:02 a.m.

Vicki Beam

Derek Van Solkema

Public comment ended at 9:08 a.m.

Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice

DISCUSS ATTORNEY TALKING POINTS RE: 6631 BAGGS RD APPEAL PROCESS AND 05/25/2023 ATTORNEY MICHAEL HERRING E-MAIL (POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION)

Motion by Goss to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the township attorney regarding township land division, the township land division ordinance and specifically parcel 13-136-001-02 at 6631 Baggs Road, Williamsburg Michigan; second by Benak.

Roll call vote: Vollmuth, no; Benak, yes; Popp, no; Glenn, yes; Goss, yes. Motion failed.

Discussion followed.

Attorney Chris Patterson commented via Zoom.

Motion by Popp to reconsider the move to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the township attorney regarding township land divisions, the township land division ordinance and specifically parcel 28-13-136-001-02 at 6631 Baggs Road, Williamsburg Michigan; second by Goss.

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

At 9:20 a.m., the open session recessed.

At 11:21 a.m., the open session reconvened.

Motion by Goss to exit closed session and reopen the public portion of the township board meeting; second by Vollmuth.

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

Motion by Goss to accept the applicant's request to pursue a variance before the ZBA and direct the ZA to accept the application and send all relevant information to the ZBA for hearing the application; second by Benak.

Discussion followed.

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

ANY MATTER PERTAINING TO PARKS/RECREATION OPERATION

Motion by Glenn to approve Old M-72 LLC to perform reshape and spot gravel work at township park campground roads at a cost not to exceed \$2,000; second by Benak.

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

Public Comment

Public comment began at 11:33 a.m.

Connie Hymore
Vicki Beam
Linda Slopsema
Derek Van Solkema

Public comment ended at 11:39 a.m.

Board Comments/Discussion

Benak reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due by Friday.

Adjournment

Motion by Popp to adjourn; second by Glenn. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Popp, yes; Glenn, yes; Goss, yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk