

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held December January 10, 2012**

Call to Order

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board members present: Benak, Boyd, Hockin, Hubbell and Lake

Board members absent: None

Others present: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers, Fire Captain Arbenowske, Ambulance Coordinator Martin and 12 others.

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as adjusted, removing the County Board of Commissioners Report and the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Report; moving Solid Waste Plan Presentation to accommodate the arrival of Commissioner Wheelock.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Hearing

None.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

Moved by Boyd, supported by Hubbell to approve the consent calendar items as follows:

Receive and File

1. Supervisor's report for December 2011
2. Clerk's report for December 2011
3. Planning/Zoning Administrator's report for December 2011
4. Battalion #3 Fire Captain December 2011 activity report
5. Ambulance Coordinator December 2011 activity report

Correspondence

1. Grand Traverse County Road Commission minutes of 11/18/11 rescheduled meeting
2. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Statistics for December 2011, 4th Quarter 2011 and 2011 YTD Compiled

Minutes

1. Approval of minutes of 12/13/11 regular meeting

Bills for Approval

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers #35055-35146
2. Approval of Alden State Bank Miami Beach voucher #1115
3. Budget Amendments

Revenue & Expenditure Report

Roll call vote: Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes. **Motion approved.**

Unfinished Business

Amendment #65 to Zoning Ordinance No. 6/ Home Occupations

Meyers presented the changes affecting Home Occupations in the amendment to the Ordinance and clarified questions that were asked at the last board meeting. She stated that the original Amendment #65 had included medical marijuana, and that has been removed from the amendment.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Hockin to adopt Amendment #65 to Zoning Ordinance No. 6, reviewed by the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission and recommended by the Whitewater Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes. **Motion approved.**

Meyers advised the board to let the Moratorium on Medical Marijuana expire due to recent changes.

Park and Recreation Committee

Lake presented a list of persons interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Committee. It was the consensus of the board members that the interested persons should be interviewed by the board before appointments are made.

Resolution #12-02, Solid Waste Plan Amendment 2011-2

County Commissioner Wheelock reviewed the amendment and answered questions.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to adopt Resolution #12-02, Solid Waste Plan Amendment 2011-2. Roll call vote: Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

New Business

Resolution #12-01, Alternate Board of Review Date

The township board is allowed to set an alternate starting date for the March Board of Review to accommodate the assessor. Resolution #12-01 was presented selecting the alternate starting date as March 14, 2012.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd to adopt Resolution #12-01, Alternate Board of Review Date. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

Whitewater Township Park Dates 2012

Hockin recommended that the campground open on May 11, 2012 with a free cleanup weekend and close on October 14, 2012.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd to approve the park dates for 2012 as recommended by the clerk/park manager. **Motion approved.**

Whitewater Township Park Rates 2012

Hockin recommended no increase in the rates for the campground, boat launch and pavilion.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to approve the park rates for 2012 as recommended by the clerk/park manager. **Motion approved.**

Seasonal Camping at Whitewater Township Park

Hockin informed the board that she has received many more requests for seasonal campsites for the 2012 season that has been received in past years. She has accepted requests equal to 25% of the available sites even though the board has never set a limit; she asked the board if they would consider additional seasonal sites. An analysis of empty sites by week during the 2011 season and a financial analysis of additional revenue that could be derived from additional seasonal sites were reviewed by the board.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd to increase the number of seasonal sites. **Motion approved.**

Township Board Meeting Date Change

The clerk made the board aware that the regular meeting of the township board scheduled for February 28th will need to be changed due to the Presidential Primary Election being conducted that day. The board agreed to change the date, however no date was set.

Ambulance Capital Expenditure

Ambulance coordinator Martin presented an estimate for a defibrillator (AED) that is needed for the backup ambulance. The AED that was loaned by another unit has been returned to that unit and the backup ambulance is out of service at this time. The estimate received is for a unit identical to the unit that Firemen will be trained on.

Boyd asked if the estimate is complete or if additional accessories are needed. Martin replied that it is complete.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell to approve the purchase of a HeartStart FRx Defibrillator and accessories from CPR Connection in the amount of \$1,492.63 as a capital expenditure from the Ambulance Fund. **Motion approved.**

Board Comments/Discussion

- Lake reported on cleanup day.
- Hockin is still checking on the Fish Habitat Project to see if our Waterways grant will be adversely affected if permission is given.
- Benak asked if Dangerous Buildings will be addressed.
- Boyd stated he is disappointed in Commissioner Inman's comments in the Record Eagle.

Public Comment

Boy Scouts, Ian Grossman, Jared Selby and Michael Beyers who are working on their citizenship badge were in the audience for the meeting and introduced themselves during public comment.

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd

- Suggests erecting a fence around dangerous buildings.

Announcements

None were made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, clerk