

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 14, 2012**

Call to Order

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, County Commissioner Inman and 7 others.

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as adjusted, adding Ambulance Capital Expenditure and Closed Session.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Hearing

None

Public Comment

Cheryl Gore Follett, candidate for Grand Traverse County Clerk, introduced herself to the board and audience members.

Reports**County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Inman updated the board on the following:

- Stated he is a candidate for District 6 County Commissioner
- County Clerk, Treasurer and Prosecutor are not seeking re-election
- Search is being conducted for new County Administrator; hope to have a new administrator by June
- Septage Treatment Plant, meetings continue
- County Fund Balance is 18% of expenditures. May need to look at cuts again in 2013.

Hubbell asked about new Road Commission legislation.

Inman states he believes the County Commission will keep the Road Commission in place. Also believes they are leaning toward elected County Road Commissioners by district.

Consent Calendar

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

Receive and File

1. Planning commission approved minutes of 01/04/12 regular, 01/013/12 and 01/11/12 special meetings
2. Supervisor's report for January 2012
3. Clerk's report for January 2012
4. Planning/Zoning Administrator's report for January 2012
5. Battalion #3 Fire Captain January 2012 activity report
6. Ambulance Coordinator January 2012 activity report

Correspondence

1. Grand Traverse County Road Commission minutes of 12/14/11 special and 12/21/11 regular meetings
2. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Statistics for January 2012
3. Grand Traverse Rural fire Department minutes of 01/24/12 regular meeting
4. Recycle Smart Recycling Opportunities Information
5. Media Release dated 01/13/12 re: 2012 Commission on Aging Board of Directors
6. Media Release dated 01/19/12 re: Grand Traverse County Excellence in Financial Reporting Award Consecutively for Six Years
7. Grand Vision Update January 2012
8. Village of Elk Rapids and Elk Rapids Township Planning Commissions Notice of Planning dated 02/01/12

Minutes

1. Approval of minutes of 01/10/12 regular and 01/1/12, 01/31/12 & 02/07/12 special meetings

Bills for Approval

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers #35147-35267
2. Approval of Alden State Bank Miami Beach vouchers #1116-1117
3. Budget Amendments

Revenue & Expenditure Report

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

Unfinished Business

Ambulance Capital Expenditure

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to purchase two LUCAS Automatic Chest Compression machines from Physio Control as quoted for \$25,328.00 as a capital expenditure form the Ambulance Fund. Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes. **Motion approved.**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Bylaws

The bylaws for the committee were reviewed and changes discussed.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to adopt the Bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. **Motion approved.**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Alternate Member

Supervisor Lake recommended Dennis Leach, 178 Skegemog Point Rd as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell to appoint Dennis Leach as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2014.

Motion approved.

New Business

Adopting a Master Plan

Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers presented information regarding the process for adoption of the Master Plan and a timeline of the process in Whitewater Township.

Supervisor Lake asked for a copy of the timeline.

The board discussed having a public hearing prior to adoption by the Township Board.

Citizen Vaughn Harshfield stated he has a concern regarding one issue in the Master Plan; would like an explanation.

Closed Session

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

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

Meeting recessed to closed session at 7:47 p.m.

Meeting reopened in open session at 8:12 p.m.

Board Comments/Discussion

- Scheduled special meeting for budget work on 2/23/12 at 6 p.m.
- Budget Public Hearing will be held on 03/27/12.

Public Comment

Kim Mangus, 1214 Cerro Dr

- Encourages Township Board to have a meeting with the public prior to adopting the Master Plan.

Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, Clerk

