

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 27, 2012**

Call to Order

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Fire Captain Arbenowske, Ambulance Coordinator Martin and 9 others.

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

The agenda was adjusted adding to New Business 1a. Budget Amendment for 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Hockin declared a conflict of interest on Resolution #12-10

Public Comment

Bob Cooney, 7247 Henderson

Candidate for Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney introduced himself and gave a brief history of his experience.

Jim Snider, 8316 Old M72

- Noted the Township Board Resolutions on the agenda and reminded the board that increases are not warranted because of past history.

Public Hearing**Public Hearing on Proposed Special Assessment Fire District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013**

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Notice of the budget public hearing for the Special Assessment Fire District Budget was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on March 21, 2012 as required by law and on March 26, 2012 for informational purposes.

The property tax millage rate of 1.0000 mills is proposed to be levied to support the proposed Fire District Special Assessment budget. The supervisor reviewed the proposed revenues and expenditures, projected fund balance change and capital expenditures.

There were no written comments.

There was no public comment.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Public Hearing on the Proposed General Fund Budget and All Other Township Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013

The supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Notice of the budget public hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on March 21, 2012 as required by law and on March 26, 2012 for informational purposes.

The property tax millage rate 1.0000 as reduced by MCL 211.34d is proposed to be levied to support the proposed General Fund budget. The supervisor reviewed the proposed revenues, expenditures, fund transfers and projected fund balance change for the General Fund and all other Township budgets.

There were no written comments.

Public Comment:

Kurt Horton, 2181 Broomhead Rd.

- Asked for an accountant to explain the budget.

Vaughn Harshfield, 4404 N. Broomhead Rd

- Noted that the fund balance has had a downward trend the past two years.

Supervisor Lake responded that a fund balance of 3 months is recommended and in the past there has been more than three months.

Jim Snider, 8316 Old M72

- Asked about the budget for the Historical Society.

Supervisor Lake responded that the allocated funding was the amount requested.

Kurt Horton, 2181 Broomhead Rd

- Asked about the Road Fund

Clerk Hockin responded that the Road Fund is the recipient of the METRO Act funds and expenditures are limited and cannot be used for road improvements. Lake explained that this is the fund that is used for brining of the gravel roads.

There being no further public comment the public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

New Business

Approval of Bills-Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to approve the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year bills as presented.

Motion approved.

Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak, to approve the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year budget amendment as presented. **Motion approved.**

Budgeted Transfer 2011/2012 Fiscal Year

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to approve the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budgeted Transfer of \$22,000 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund. **Motion approved.**

Rescind Previously Approved Budgeted Transfer

Due to a processing error, the \$10,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Ambulance Replacement Fund was approved on 2/14/12 and again on 03/13/12.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to rescind the approval of a transfer of \$10,000 as budgeted from the General Fund to the Ambulance Replacement Fund that was approved on March 13, 2012. **Motion approved.**

Resolution #12-05, Resolution for Whitewater Township Board Regular Meetings for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Revised.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell, to adopt Resolution #12-05, Resolution for Whitewater Township Board Regular Meetings for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year, Revised. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #12-06, Salary for Supervisor

Moved by Benak, seconded by Hockin, to adopt Resolution #12-06, Salary for Supervisor. Roll call vote: Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #12-07, Salary for Clerk

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak, to adopt Resolution #12-07, Salary for Clerk. Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hubbell, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #12-08, Salary for Treasurer

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #12-08, Salary for Treasurer. 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.

Resolution #12-09, Salary for Trustee

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Lake, to adopt Resolution #12-09, Salary for Trustee. 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.

Resolution #12-10, Parks and Recreation Administration

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak, to adopt Resolution #12-10, Parks and Recreation Administration. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, abstain; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #12-11, Salary for Parks and Recreation Administration

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to adopt Resolution #12-11, Salary for Parks and Recreation Administration. Roll call vote: Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #12-12, General Appropriations Act

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #12-12, General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Board Comments/Discussion

- Lake reported that American Waste has confirmed the date for township cleanup day on May 5, 2012.
- Lake reported a letter has been sent to the Grand Traverse County Road Commission regarding the condition of the roads.

Public Comment

Kurt Horton, 2181 Broomhead Rd

- Asked about the process for improvements to seasonal road, i.e. Sand Lakes Rd & Diagonal Rd.

Hubbell commented that the Road Committee recommendation was to leave seasonal roads natural to keep the forest natural.

Announcements

- Special meeting will be held on April 3rd at 7 p.m. to review bids for storm damage cleanup.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, Clerk