

Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 10, 2011

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 and Lake

Board members absent: Hubbell

Others present: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers, Assessors Jenema & Plude, County Commissioner Inman & 12 others

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Hearing

None

Public Comment

Cathy Gee, 4306 Broomhead Rd

- Voiced concern regarding dust on Broomhead Rd; she has health concerns.
- Asked board to check on application of brine.

Judy York, 5721 Broomhead Rd

- Asked if work is being done on reallocation of fire chief/ambulance coordinator wages.
- Ovid Middlebury Authority study suggests going to outside consulting service to have a study completed.
- Funds used for the architect on the "Taj Mahal" could have been used for other things.

Reports/Presentations/Announcement/Comments

County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Inman updated the board on the following items:

- Parking meter fiasco.
- Shortfall in 2011 budget based on equalization report.
- Budget ad-hoc committee meeting to define areas of cost cuts. Will not use fund balance.
- Kevin Klein promoted to Airport Director.
- TC Talus funding.
- Reapportionment resulting from 2010 census.
- Board priorities sent out to townships.
- Joint meeting of County/Townships on June 30th at 7 p.m.

Boyd asked Inman to update the board on the Airport east/west runway at a future meeting.

Assessor Presentation

Jenema and Plude addressed the board and asked the board to consider the change from Jenema to Plude for the Assessor or record. Both will still be working in the township.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to authorize the supervisor to sign a new assessing agreement and a new employee agreement changing the assessor of record from Jenema to Plude. **Motion approved.**

Consent Calendar

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

Receive and File

1. Supervisor's report for April 2011
2. Clerk's report for April 2011
3. Planning/Zoning Administrator's report for April 2011
4. Battalion #3 Fire Chief April 2011 Activity Report

Correspondence

1. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Service Statistics for April 2011
2. A 4/27/11 memo from Bob Osterhout Re: amendment to GTC solid waste plan, invitation to comment.
3. The 2010 Fiscal Year Annual Financial Report for Grand Traverse County Road Commissioners. Note: Copy Posted
4. Recycle Smart Spring 2011 RecycleSmart Events

Minutes

1. Recommend approval of regular meeting minutes, 4/12/11, 4/26/11 regular & 4/19/11 special meetings.

Bills for Approval

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers #34019-34116

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

Unfinished Business

Rural Fire Intergovernmental Agreement, Response to Notice of Dispute

Lake asked the board to consider a special meeting on May 26th at 7 p.m. to discuss this agenda item. It was the consensus of the board to call a special meeting for May 26th at 7 p.m.

Emergency Services Facility Proposal and Discussion

- Lake presented amortization schedules from USDA.
- Benak & Hockin stated the decision regarding Rural Fire membership needs to be made prior to moving forward on a building proposal.
- Boyd voiced concern regarding lack of leadership in the Fire Department. Stated we need someone in management who looks at needs and not wants.
- Lake stated USDA is favorable of a combination Fire/Township Hall.
- General consensus-don't raise taxes.
- Paul Tyrer presented an updated plan for a proposed building.
- Boyd stated the plan needs to go out for bids by invitation.

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd

- Cautioned the board about consideration of operating costs.

It was the consensus that the board needs to study the plan and then move forward.

New Business

Scrap Tire Clean Up Award

Meyers updated the board on the award of \$3,000 grant for scrap tire clean up. The State will reimburse \$1.00 for each tire collected. The tire hauler that we currently use charges \$1.75 per tire. There was a discussion of collection site(s) and the charge to residents.

It was the consensus to proceed with the tire clean up and to charge \$1.00 per tire collected.

Temporary Sign Request

The Home Builders Association, Grand Traverse Area is requesting approval of signage for their Parade of Homes, June 18-June 26; the request is for ten 2' x 2' signs.

Boyd stated he supports Paul Tyrer, builder in this, but does not support the Home Builders Association.

There was a discussion of having the Planning Commission re-visit the requirement of sending non-profit requests to the Township Board for approval since it would be more efficient for the zoning administrator to approve the requests.

Moved by Benak, seconded by Hockin to approve the request from The Home Builders Association, Grand Traverse to place signage, as indicated in the request, for the Parade of Homes, June 18-June 26.

Motion approved.

Road Brining Contract Approval

Benak declared a conflict of interest since she lives on one of the roads to be brined.

Lake presented the Options from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission for brining of the Township Roads. The options were discussed.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Lake, to approved Option B Calcium Chloride for 3 brinings of applicable Township roads. **Motion approved 3-0.** Benak, abstained; Hubbell, absent.

Resolution #11-14, Summer Tax Collection-Elk Rapids Schools

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hockin to approved Resolution #11-14, Resolution Approving Agreement for Summer Tax Collection between Elk Rapids Public Schools and Whitewater Township. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, absent; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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

Resolution #11-15, Summer Tax Collection-TBA/ISD-Elk Rapids Schools

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to approved Resolution #11-15, Resolution Approving Agreement for Summer Tax Collection between Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Whitewater Township (Elk Rapids Schools). Roll call vote: Hockin, yes; Hubbell, absent; 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 #11-16, Summer Tax Collection-TBA/ISD-Traverse City Area Public Schools

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Benak to approved Resolution #11-16, Resolution Approving Agreement for Summer Tax Collection between Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Whitewater Township (Traverse City Area Public Schools). Roll call vote: Hubbell, absent; Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

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Fire Chief/Ambulance Coordinator Report

In the absence of Chief Stites who had a Chief's meeting, James Domagalski presented:

- An analysis of the bids for LifePak 12.
- Suggested that a request be made for a 2% allocation grant for the LifePak 12 or 15 in the June allocation cycle. The suggestion was discussed and has merit.
- Noted that the family on Cook Rd that were overcome by carbon monoxide have sent a thank you to the EMTs.
- Reported on the status of the new ambulance.

Public Comment

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd

- Asked when roads are patched how do they miss the holes in the middle of the road?

Judy York, 5721 Broomhead Rd

- Suggested letting people know about the change in ISO ratings in the next newsletter.
- In the newsletter mention carbon monoxide ambulance calls; encourage people to get carbon monoxide monitors.
- Suggests fire auxiliary do positive promotion of carbon monoxide.

Announcements

Joint meeting with Emergency Services Committee on May 24th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, clerk