

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 22, 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: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers and 8 others

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

The agenda was adjusted moving: Paul Olson, Insurance Update from New Business 1. to Reports.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Public Comment

Heidi Scheppe, candidate for Grand Traverse County Treasurer introduced herself to the board and the public in attendance.

Public Hearing

None.

Correspondence

1. Whitewater Township Tribal Emergency Services Development Approval Documents
2. 2011, Where Did My Tax Money Go Chart

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments**Insurance Update**

Paul Olson, Municipal Underwriters of Michigan presented the premium for liability insurance for the period June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013; review losses and informed the board of the Risk Reduction Grant Program adopted by ParPlan.

Olson answered board questions regarding the Risk Reduction Grant Program.

The meeting was recessed at 7:24 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Unfinished Business**Abandoned Building Ordinance**

Planning/zoning administrator Meyers presented a draft Abandoned Building Ordinance and examples of buildings in the township that may be subject to the proposed Ordinance. The

proposed Ordinance was discussed by the board and it was the consensus of the board to send the proposed Ordinance to the township attorney for review and comment.

Cell Tower Revenue

The revenues from the cell tower leases on township property at Whitewater Township Park and the Fire Station were discussed. Following discussion it was the consensus to leave the revenues in the General Fund so it is easier to allocate the funds for special projects. The clerk will check with the auditors to determine if the revenues could be placed in the Public Improvement Fund.

Parks and Recreation Delineation of Duties

Hockin presented the delineation of duties currently in place for Parks and Recreation noting that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee should be added to the chart. The chart was discussed. The board was reminded that the chart was developed to assure there was a separation of duties for the clerk when administration of the parks and recreation program was added as an extra duty of the clerk's office. No decision was made.

New Business

Road Brining Agreement

Lake presented the agreement forwarded by the Grand Traverse County Road Commission. The agreement was discussed.

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Boyd, to approve Option B (calcium chloride) for two applications with an option for a third brining if needed and to authorized the supervisor and clerk to sign the agreement. **Motion approved.**

Golf Car Expenditure

Hockin presented an invoice for the 2006 used Golf Car that replaces the 1998 Golf Car that was damaged and needed to be replaced on opening week-end at the park.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to approve the purchase of a 2006 used Golf Car from Great Lakes Golf Cars, LLC in the amount of \$3,600.00 as a capital expenditure from the Park Fund. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes. **Motion approved.**

Boat Launch Parking Lot Improvements

Hockin informed the board that she had talked to Great Lakes Striping & Sealing about the boat launch parking lot work and they are willing to do the work for the price that was quoted in 2011. (\$5,084.00) Note: the work was scheduled and rained out prior to the busy boating time in 2011.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Benak, to approve the bid from Great Lakes Striping & Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$5,084.00 for the sealing, repairs, striping & painting of the boat launch parking lot at Whitewater Township Park as a capital expenditure from the Park Fund. Roll call vote: Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes; Benak, yes. **Motion approved.**

Resolution #12-13, Resolution Approving Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes between Elk Rapids Public Schools and Whitewater Township

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to approve Resolution #12-13, Approving Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes between Elk Rapids Public Schools and Whitewater Township. 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 #12-14, Resolution Approving Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes between Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Whitewater Township (Elk Rapids Public School District)

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hockin, to approve Resolution #12-14, Resolution Approving Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes between Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Whitewater Township (Elk Rapids Public School District). 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.

Supreme Court Decision Update

Meyers updated the board on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding Point of Sale Inspections. She voiced concern regarding lake front systems. The Planning Commission will be made aware of the decision. Meyers will monitor any developments and keep the board informed.

Board Comments/Discussion

The board discussed the American Waste tire misunderstanding at the recent clean-up day. Lake will be contacting American Waste to see if they will negotiate on the amount charged for tires since they were not supposed to take the tires.

Hockin updated the board on an Eagle Scout project that will be occurring at Whitewater Township Park this summer. Josh Carter will be updating the nature trails and providing information so a more accurate map of the nature trail can be made.

The Eagle Scout project at Battle Creek Natural Area is still in the process of being approved.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

Next regular meeting will be held on June 12th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, Clerk