

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held September 27, 2011**

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.

Roll Call

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

Township Board members absent: None

Others attending: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers, Fire Captain Arbenowske and 8 others.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended adding:

Unfinished business: 4. Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment and

New Business: 3. Discussion of Fire Chief Close Out

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

1. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Mill Creek School
2. GTB 2% grant application denial

Unfinished Business

Cherryland Electric Franchise Agreement Update

Lake reported attorneys are still working on agreement.

Rural Fire Affiliation

Lake reported the following:

- Unanimous vote to accept letter from Whitewater Township rescinding Letter of Intent to Withdraw
- Rural Fire Chief will meet with townships more frequently
- Whitewater complaints opened the eyes of the Rural Fire board to some needed changes
- Fire based EMS considerations in the future:
 - Special assessment in each township
 - Authority for fire and ambulance
- Contract will be changed to meet new Emergency Services Act

Kuncaitis added:

- Rural board asked about information that the EASC had gathered.

Grand Traverse County BPW (Septage) Meeting

Lake reported:

- G-5 committee of BPW is looking at a special assessment on Rural Townships. 34.00/yr + 6c/gallon to cover the shortfall at the Septic Treatment facility.
- BPW will meet with Rural Township & Attorneys on October 10th.

Code Enforcement Policy

Will be covered at the next regular meeting on October 11th.

New Business

Newsletter Deadline

Lake reported the deadline for the Winter newsletter is November 14th.

Alden State Bank Resolution #11-18

Benak reported that the Money Market account at Alden State Bank will be reopened to allow for some of the Township funds currently in the General Checking account to be transferred to another FDIC insured account.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd to approve Alden State Bank Resolution #11-18. Roll call vote: Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes. **Motion approved.**

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

Fire Chief Close Out

Boyd asked if all outstanding items have been resolved in reference to the dismissal of Fire Chief Stites.

Hockin reported that all paperwork has been completed; township owned items returned; and all but one of the personally owned items have been returned to Stites. Arbenowske continues to look for the remaining item.

Public Comment

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Road

- Stated the Township will be in deep trouble if we don't get out of the Septage Ordinance soon.

Lake responded that it costs money to get out. Attorney meeting to discuss is being held on October 10th.

Rod Kuncaitis, 6204 Elk Lake Road

- Township has known about a breach of contract in Septage Ordinance for 2 years. Cautioned, do not negotiate from a weak point.

Kuncaitis, Chairman of the ESAC

- Have suggestions from the Committee been addressed?
- Is committee still addressing the board?

Lois MacLean, 5919 Linderleaf Ln.

- It has been stated that no one attended the public hearing on the Septage Ordinance in 2003. Suggests using the newsletter to advertise information.

Announcements

- Next regular meeting, October 11, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hockin, Clerk