

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 13, 2012**

**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, Hubbell and Lake

Board members absent: None

Others present: County Commissioner Inman, Fire Captain Arbenowske, Ambulance Coordinator Martin and 14 others.

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

The agenda was approved as amended adding to: Consent Calendar/Receive & File 6. Treasurer's Cash Balance report; Correspondence 8. A memo from Arnell Boyd to New Board Members; New Business/2. Ambulance Service Request/Grand Traverse Band Snow Cross; 3. Resolution #12-20 Legal Counsel for Septage.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Hearing**

None

**Public Comment**

Glenn Savage, 9833 Pineneedle Ln

- Thanked the outgoing elected officials for their services to the community and welcomed the newly elected officials.

**Reports****County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Inman updated the board and members of the audience on the following:

- Thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the new officials.
- 2013 budget has been passed. Filled a \$1 million dollar gap with fund balance and refund from liability insurance.
- In 2013 the Board of Commissioners will be 7 members, down 2 members from the current 9 members due to reapportionment.
- Will begin strategic process of all revenues & expenditures to manage the budget. New county administrator Benda has strengths in budgeting.
- Grand Traverse County has an AA bond rating, one of the strongest ratings of counties in the State of Michigan.
- New health department building is now open; an open house will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- County is in the process of buying out the bond; County & G-5 are 50/50 in the buyout. Any shortfall in operations is the responsibility of the G-5.

Inman answered questions from members of the public. In response to a question, he stated that the County is using money received from county residents to loan the money to the G-5. He reiterated that the money advanced is a loan not an appropriation. Because of the County's bond rating other Sewer & Water projects are handled in the same manner. The County has not incurred any legal fees regarding the Septage Treatment Plant.

### **Fire Captain Report**

Captain Arbenowske also thanked the outgoing board members. He reviewed the written report that was included in the board packet. Three members are currently in class; Levi Gaskin and Micaiah Foust are currently in Fire Fighter training and Tom Emerson in officer training. The white paint on the building did not get completed prior to cold weather.

### **Ambulance Coordinator Report**

Ambulance Coordinator Martin thanked the board and community for the opportunity to serve. She reviewed the written report in the board packet and read an emotional thank you note to the ambulance personnel from a family who had two deaths in the past month.

### **Consent Calendar**

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

#### Receive and File

1. Supervisor's report for October 2012
2. Clerk's report for October 2012
3. Planning/Zoning Administrator's report for October 2012
4. Battalion #3 Fire Captain October 2012 activity report
5. Ambulance Coordinator's October 2012 activity report
6. Treasurer's Cash Balance Report for October 2012

#### Correspondence:

1. Grand Traverse Sheriff Department Service statistics for October 2012
2. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department minutes for 10/17/12 regular meeting
3. A 10/18/12 letter from Kevin McElyea, Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner Re: Storm Water Review Process
4. A 10/25/12 letter from Robin Shiveley, Director EMS & Trauma Division, Department of Community of Mental Health re: correction action received to non-compliant inspection report
5. The Grand Vision Update, October 2012
6. Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, October 2012
7. Grand Traverse County Administrator/Controller Report, October 2012

#### Minutes:

1. Approval of minutes of 10/09/12 and 10/23/12 regular meetings and 10/23/12 closed session.

#### Bills for Approval:

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers #36241-36345
2. Approval of Alden State Bank Miami Beach vouchers #1127-1128

## Budget Amendments

### Revenue & Expenditure Report

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

## Unfinished Business

### Lossie Road Nature Trail

Lake updated the board on the status of the trail, specifically the detouring around wet spots and trespassing onto private property. Lake has received complaints from citizens about trail users trespassing and also about all-terrain vehicles tearing up the trail. Lake voiced his opinion on resolving the issues.

Hockin stated the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee had previously asked to have the trail remarked and the surveyors have determined that the cost will be approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 to complete the remarking.

Several options were discussed. It was the consensus that this should be referred back to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for further research.

Hubbell stated that some members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee are not happy with the chairperson because he has cancelled some meetings because he was out of town.

It was stated that the map provided by Grand Traverse County Road Commission is not accurate. The deed should be used to determine where the actual right of way is.

## New Business

### Storm Water Control Ordinance Agreement

Lake presented the agreement; it is a renewal of the agreement previously signed.

Moved by Benak, seconded by Lake to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Storm Water Control Ordinance Administration and Enforcement and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. **Motion approved.**

### Resolution #12-20, Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Retention of Special Township Legal Counsel

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Benak, to approved Resolution #12-20. Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Retention of Special Township Legal Counsel. Roll call vote: Lake, yes; Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes. **Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

### Ambulance Service Request

Ambulance coordinator Martin presented a request from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for 3A and 3A2 to provide standby services for the 3 day Snow Cross event at Turtle Creek Casino.

The ambulance service will be reimbursed for the standby services and be available to the community for other emergency responses.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell, to approve the request from the Grand Traverse Band to allow the Ambulance Service to provide standby services for the Snow Cross event at Turtle Creek. **Motion approved.**

**Board Comments/Discussion**

None.

**Announcements**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for 11/27/12.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hockin, Clerk