The meeting of the White River Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Mike Cockerill with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mike Cockerill Supervisor, Patti Sargent Clerk, Deb Harris Treasurer, Laura Anderson & George Dufresne Trustees. All present with Anderson on Zoom.

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sargent to amend agenda to strike item 7D and change item 2 from June to July and then approve agenda, supported by Cockerill. All aye, motion passed.
2. Approval of July 13, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Motion by Sargent to approve July minutes, supported by Dufresne. All Aye. Motion passed.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent

Accounts payable in the amount of $18,476.82. Harris moved to approve accounts payable supported by Sargent. Roll Call: Anderson, aye; Dufresne, aye; Sargent, aye; Harris, aye; Cockerill, aye. Motion passed; bill payments are allowed.

1. Correspondence: Call regarding Gypsy Moths and treatments.
2. Reports
3. Financial July 2021 report: Harris

Noted.

1. Constable Report: Cockerill

Life rings intact at Pier. Oceana Junk Car will pick up junk cars if complete with catalytic converter and title.

1. Solid Waste: Harris

Township residents can take brush with the EXCEPTION of garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, poison Ivy or bittersweet to White River Township dump. Contact Constable Cockerill for hours of operation. Solid waste landfill financially stable. No subsidy needed this year and fees may be reduced in 2022.

1. CEIC/ recent meetings: Anderson

Long term plan for Chemour property use is needed. There has been increased interest from out of town realty companies to purchase properties for development. Only Montague Township property is currently for sale.

1. Climate Action Meeting: no report
2. Recycling: Sargent

Sargent signed a letter exploring a feasibility study grant to get county wide curbside recycling.

1. Planning commission and ZBA: Dufresne

Will send ZBA meeting minutes after approval. Turned down a large storage shed proposal on White Lake.

1. Ambulance: Cockerill

Shortage of EMTs and Paramedics noted. $1.00 per hour raise given to all employees. May need to consider raises more frequently to retain employees. “911” system that all state officials can communicate on is operational since July 27, 2021.

1. Fire Authority: Cockerill

A new rescue vehicle is needed. WLAA will only respond to City of Whitehall or Fruitland Township calls if there is a life threatening or unruly person call. They are not members of the WLAA.

1. Public comment: Mr. McGee Representing the Robinson Family / Mouth Cemetery. Requesting fence and gate repair, better surveillance such as “trail cams” for security, long range cemetery plans.

Barb Reese: Reviews proposals for obtaining Chemours owned wetlands on White Lake. She is in contact with the Muskegon Conservation District for possible funding and guidance. Ms. Reese will be discussing with Township Attorney.

1. Unfinished Business:
2. Special Exception for Steel Sea Wall along Lake Michigan Shoreline / Seabiscut .

Other forms of revetment such as professional geotubes are friendlier to the environment. The proposed steel sea wall will have a negative impact on adjoining properties. There is no immediate danger to the proposed property. Motion by Sargent to object to the special exception request due to no homes being in danger and no support from neighboring property owners, supported by Dufresne. Roll Call: Anderson, aye, Dufresne, aye; Sargent, aye; Harris, aye; Cockerill, aye. Motion passed, special exception denied.

1. Gypsy Moths / Hemlock disease treatments and costs. Covered in correspondence.
2. Review Ordinances 42-2021 and 45-2021 are with the Township Attorney for review.
3. New Business:
4. Application sent for Covid Relief Funds.

No notification has been received yet regarding funds to be received.

1. Dangerous and Dilapated building/home on North Old Channel Trail has been discussed with the Township Attorney. A letter was signed by Dufresne, the Zoning Administrator and sent to property owners. The Township will grant an extension beyond 60 days if home owners coordinate with the fire department to burn the house.
2. Senior Millage allocations

$9,602 received. Motion by Harris to give $8000 to The Viking Activity Center for Township residents yearly fees, $1000 to White Lake Senior Center for Residents yearly fees, and $106 to AgeWell services, supported by Sargent. All aye. Motion passed. Also the White Lake Senior Center will be contacted regarding a resident of White River Township to be represented on their board.

1. 17 Lonts Lane has proposed construction. Will need special exception and Public Hearing due to Critical Dune designation. Board Members encouraged to visit site prior to vote on SE.
2. Community Foundation for Muskegon County has provided the Proter /Smith Life Ring Fund Grant for $493.50 for maintaining and purchasing the life rings on the pier. We thank them.

1. Supervisor Comments: Noted a camera was installed at the corner of Hancock and Old Channel Trail. Cockerill will call the road Commission to find out the reason for this.

Cockerill noted he will need to buy rope soon to replace frayed ropes at Pier life rings.

An unoccupied property on Post Road will need to be demolished. Change permit to read demolition instead of building.

10 Public Comment: None

11 Adjournment: 9:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Graham, Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent

Clerk