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 in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda: Sargent moved to add to new business, D. AED Stickers have expired.
2. Approval of October 12,2021, Township Board meeting minutes. Anderson moved to correct wording in the minutes, Number 4 correspondence. Change ‘White Lake’ to ‘White River’ Township. Corrected minutes are approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris moved to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Dufresne – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Harris – Yes, Sargent – Yes, and Cockerill – Yes. Payment of the November Accounts Payable are approved.
4. Correspondence: Letter to Senator Bumstead from CEIC. The CEIC committee wanted to let Senator Bumstead know that they are impressed with the good work done by Ronda Blayer.
5. Reports:
6. Financial October 2021 report: Harris. Noted. Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Harris has done some research and does not think funds can be spent on roads. It might be able to be used to put solar panels on top of the township roof, to bring down energy costs. Possibly a new roof and resurfacing of the parking lot.
7. Constable report: Cockerill. Cockerill and Dufresne visited the trailers off Anderson Road. Dufresne would like to wait and see if the health department determines a health violation. Harris volunteered to identify the owners and the history of the property.
8. Solid Waste: Harris. The person managing the solid waste location has done an efficient job and they had a lot of profit over the summer. Our township might not need to subsidize it next year.
9. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. The letter to Senator Bumstead was discussed above in correspondence. On 10-22-21, there was a walkabout on the Chemours property, and committee members were disappointed in what the loggers left. An easement for the Chemours property that is on White Lake was discussed at the meeting. Would the township consider holding the deed. The contamination is deep in the water, but not the land. The land conservancy doesn’t want it. This would be the 40 acres at the top and the 20 acres at the shoreline. There are many unanswered questions.
10. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. The last meeting was 10-28-21. Seven committees have 4 members each and Kriesel is on the student action committee. They will be meeting on the 27th. There is also a volunteer core. They are putting on a workshop on 11-11-21. On 12-8-21 there is a screening of the movie, ‘2040’ at the White Lake Community Library.
11. Recycling: Sargent. Sargent attended the meeting. A single provider was discussed, but that could lead to higher prices.
12. Planning Commission (October 2021 meetings). Kline or Dufresne. There is a meeting on November 16th for Lonts Lane. Dufresne reports that It looks like they have met all the requirements. A member of the audience discussed the township master plan. Sue Lloyd is working on finding companies that will put together a survey. The survey will be used to update the master plan.
13. Ambulance: Cockerill. There was an offer to Fruitland Township for ambulance coverage. We have expanded to include transports from Shelby to Muskegon and other medical facilities. The response time average has slowed to 9.8 minutes because the transports from Shelby are included in the average. A lift cot was purchased, a Power Cot. It cost 18,000 and the retro-fit for the truck is 3,000. The total cost is 21,000.
14. Fire Authority: Cockerill; Noted.
15. Public comment: Sargent assisted the City of Montague as the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were out ill during the election last week.

Anderson wanted to add that at the CEIC meeting, they also discussed the bike path.

1. Unfinished Business:
2. Building in Critical Dune Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM for 17 Lonts Lane, Rulman Property expansion and remodel.
3. Review Ordinances 42-2021 and 45-2021 – Sargent will adjust wording and submit for approval at the next meeting December 14, 2021.
4. Hart Election equipment maintainence, has been called waiting for a call back.
5. New Business:
6. Potential land splits. A few land split proposals have been submitted. The lots would be single family. Dufresne will be in contact with them for more information.
7. Health Department will investigate a complaint of raw sewage off Anderson Road. (See above)
8. Cost of Cemetery Plots. Sargent proposed increasing the cost of a plot from $75 to $100 and to $200 for non residents. We do not provide perpetual care, but do lawn care. Dufresne moved to approve the price increase, Harris supported the motion. Roll call vote – Dufresne – Yes, Anderson – Yes, Harris – Yes, Sargent – Yes, and Cockerill – Yes. The motion passes.
9. AED – Stickers expired. Sargent will check for the best price.

1. Supervisor Comments: none
2. Public Comment: None
3. Adjournment: 9:09

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Goericke Deputy Clerk,

Patti Sargent, Clerk