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.

1. Approval of Agenda: Harris moved to approve the agenda. Sargent supported. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda is approved.
2. Approval of March 8, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Anderson moves to amend the minutes from March 8th, #5, D), 4). It should read, “CEIC decided NOT to pursue testing of Sadony Bayou by Lakeshore Environmental, but the bayou should be tested by Chemours.” Harris supported. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes stand approved as amended.

Harris moves to approve the minutes of the Citizens Meetings on March 23 and April 4. Sargent supported. All in favor, none opposed. The Citizens meeting minutes are approved.

1. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris moved to approve the accounts payable. Anderson supports. Roll Call vote: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – YES, George Dufresne – YES, Mike Cockerill - YES. Motion to approve accounts payable approved.
2. Correspondence: Andrew Sebolt addressed the board and announced he is running for State Representative for the 102nd district which runs from Whitehall to Manistee. Janet and Gary Graham requested the board buy center straps for the White River Township tennis courts for $90, Gary stated he would install them. These straps would enable the nets to be lowered for pickleball or raised for tennis. Anderson moved to support the request. Harris supported. Roll call vote: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – YES, George Dufresne – YES, and Mike Cockerill - YES. Motion carries to purchase the center straps.
3. Reports:
4. Financial March 2022 report: Harris. Noted. March 2022 was the end of the fiscal year.
5. Constable report: Cockerill. The life rings are twenty inches. The township will purchase 5 new 20-inch life rings which are Coast Guard approved for $68.00 each, thanks to the grant from The Muskegon Foundation. Cockerill will put three life rings on the jetty on Friday, April 15th, 2022.
6. Solid Waste: Harris. The township has the passes for Pride Day, which will be held on May 14th, from 8am – 4pm. Residents need to pick up their $25 coupon at the township hall. All disposal costs over $25 are the responsibility of the township resident.
7. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. The CACO should be in place by the fall of 2022. The drone survey will be done in April, based on staff schedules and weather conditions. Mirror Lake shows a significant negative impact on macroinvertebrates at the north end by the lime pile, according to a study by Muskegon Conservation District. CEIC is requesting a possible comparative analysis of Mirror Lake. Upcoming meeting on April 13th with the Sadony Bayou group. They will determine where and what they want tested. The Water Resources Division tested Pumpkinseed fish in the bayou as part of their fish study. CEIC informed EGLE of data missing in a sampling ground water report from 2017-2020. EGLE looking into this. CEIC wants a statement changed regarding Pierson Creek. “Pierson Creek and its tributaries provide recreational value.” The Tree Core Sampling Project was done without oversight by EGLE, therefore EGLE has not drawn any conclusions from the study. Dupont put the deed restrictions in place on all properties prior to the transferred it to the CHEMOURS Company. Until deed restrictions come off, it is suggested that it would be unwise to purchase property with a deed restriction.
8. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. The committee has had meetings on solar panels and climate impact on fishing. Upcoming meetings will focus on climate impact on farming.
9. Recycling: Goericke. The Cash for Plastic program ends on April 24th. The clean and dry number 2 plastics will be taken to Padnos by groups that have been collecting #2 plastics on that date, from 3-6pm.
10. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. The last meeting was canceled. Four educational presentations over the summer are planned.
11. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. The commission is continuing to work on the master plan survey for the township. Dufresne suggested a small group of people to study the laws and ordinances regarding land splits.
12. Ambulance: Cockerill. The proposed July 2022 to June 2023 budget was shared.
13. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. The Fire Authority continues to work with Consumers regarding the LED light upgrade. Consumer’s LED bulbs do not fit the current fixtures. The Rescue Truck is nearing completion. The firefighters received new boots costing $9,000, which was budgeted. The Fire Department did a practice house burn on the corner of Lehman and Meinert Roads. The air cleaning unit in the garage of the fire barn needs to be replaced at a cost of $100,000.
14. Public comment: None
15. Unfinished Business:
16. Hemlock Trees and the woolly adelgids. Information is available for residents at the township hall.
17. Road Ends. Steel posts were staked by Mike Cockerill, three feet deep, based on the county road commissions initial markings.
18. May 3rd Election. Election Poll workers and receiving board members were nominated. The list of poll workers are as follows: Julie Goericke, Janet Graham, Maggie Kline, Maryann Delavan, Laura Anderson, Patti Sargent Chair, receiving board, Maggie Kline, and Brian Thompson, with alternate Deb Harris. Harris moves to approve the nominated poll workers and receiving board. Dufresne supports. All in favor, none opposed. Election poll workers and receiving board members are approved. Public testing of the election equipment is at 10 am on Thursday, April 21, 2022.
19. ARPA. The township has chosen projects. New roof – Cockerill has requested quotes for cost for both shingles and steel roofing. Parking Lot –bids have been requested for sealing and painting. Solar panels for the Township Hall roof– Harris received materials from Great Lakes. Northern Solar out of Fremont installs solar panels on roofs and come highly recommended. Safe – Sargent is exploring a 2-hour “fire safe” lockable cabinet. The Township will explore placing steps at the end of Hancock for more better Lake Michigan beach access – Cost estimates for these projects are pending.
20. New Business:
21. Pride Day for White River Township residents. The township has the passes for Pride Day, which will be held on May 14th, from 8am – 4pm. Residents need to pick up their $25 coupon at the township hall. All disposal costs over $25 are the responsibility of the township resident.
22. Gyspy/Wooly moths. Information on spraying was shared. Bruce Frolich shared that the Wooly Moths are on a 3 year cycle, and this is the third year.
23. Concerned citizens regarding recent criminal activity. Two meetings have been held. The next meeting is April 20th at 7 pm.
24. NutriGro. This company applies liquid fertilizer to fields. Some of the ingredients in their mixture include heavy metals such as arsonic, copper, and mercury. The fertilizer is being laid next to Pierson Drain, which means it could get into the drain.

1. Supervisor Comments: None
2. Public Comment: None
3. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke, Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent

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