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. The meeting began at 7pm.

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

1. Approval of Agenda: Sargent requested a correction to the agenda. Item 2 should read, ‘Approval of May 10th, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes.’ Sargent moved to accept the corrected agenda. Dufresne supported the corrected agenda motion. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands corrected.
2. Approval of May 10, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Anderson moved to accept the Township Board meeting minutes as written. Harris seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes are approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris moved to accept the accounts payable. Anderson supported. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - Yes, Laura Anderson - Yes, George Dufresne - Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. Accounts Payable accepted.
4. Correspondence: Letter from the health department regarding 7005 North Old Channel Trail. Their sewage drain field was lost to Lake Michigan. They have 30 days from date of the letter to replace the sewage drain field. The letter was dated 6-13-22.
5. Reports:
6. Financial MAY 2022 report: Harris. Noted.
7. Constable report: Cockerill. Cockerill received a call today from a police officer regarding 2 life rings missing from the pier. According to Sargent, they were there yesterday. Cockerill ordered 4 more life rings, but there was not a ship date provided on the order. The life rings cost $80 with $25 shipping per ring. Harris suggested ordering from another site to get 2 rings right away, and continue to keep the other order.
8. Solid Waste: Harris (May 14th Pride Day cost to Township) Harris reported that 27 township residents took advantage of the Pride Day coupon. The total cost to the township was $568, which was below budget.
9. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. CEIC met to finalize their information sheet titled, ‘MAKE IT RIGHT CHEMOURS’. They will have a booth at the Artisan Market on Saturdays during the summer. CEIC has advised Rhonda Blayer at EGLE of the possible Transitional Open Space Rezoning. CEIC is waiting on its next meeting with EGLE. Chemours is working with MCD on an environmental assessment of the property. MCD is unable to share any project details until it is completed and has the approval of Chemours. Next meetings are June 15th at 2pm and July 7th at 7pm.
10. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. White Lake Area Climate Action Committee met on June 9th. They now have an Instagram page. (WLACAC) Their next meeting on June 16th is covering harmful algae growth. The meeting on June 23rd is called, ‘Barrels and Brews’ at Fetch. At the last MMS meeting, students reflected on the projects they completed.
11. Recycling: Goericke. At the last meeting, June 2nd, the feasibility study was discussed. Jim Frey, Market Analyst, said the recycling program in Antrim County would be a good model for Muskegon County. Antrim Conservation District website = <https://www.antrimcd.com/>
12. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. Online (Virtual) kickoff for information begins June 30, at 7PM to 8:30 PM with Senator Bumstead speaking. Public forums at the White River Township Hall. July 14, 2022, from 6 to 8 PM. And the Fruitland Township Hall on August 18, 2022.
13. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. DuFresne reported that the Master Plan survey is completed. The survey will be printed on bright green paper and included with the tax bill mailings. DuFresne clarified the definition of a ‘marginal lot’. A marginal lot is smaller than 1 acre. These are lots that were split in the past. WRT has many marginal lots that people want to build on. They need to get approval from the Health Department for a septic system.
14. Ambulance: Cockerill. Cockerill reported that the 7.5% pay raise was approved last month. The taxable value of WRT is higher than surrounding municipalities. WRT is the smallest of the municipalities that contribute to the ambulance authority, but we pay the most based on our taxable value.
15. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. Korthase Electric won the bid to do the lights in the fire station. Their bid of $16,600 was accepted.
16. Public comment: A) A citizen would like Lamos Road repaved. Lamos road borders WRT and Montague Township. The Muskegon County Road Commission would pay 50%, WRT would pay 25% and Montague Township would pay 25%. The three entities need to coordinate to make this happen.

B) Bill and Julie Schuup addressed the potential changes to the end of Hancock Road. They understand that they cannot remove the easement stakes. They will move the easement stake that is on the beach back to the wall for safety reasons.

C) Jason Kolkema introduced himself. He is running for a seat on the 14th Circuit Court.

D) Al Swanson introduced himself. He is running for a seat on the 14th Circuit Court.

1. Unfinished Business:
2. Lymantria disipar (gypsy moths) and woolly adelgids. Marissa McGlue had a workshop with Drew Raynor from the DNR to teach how to trunk spray for Woolly Adelgids. Mouth Cemetery has Hemlocks and should be sprayed.
3. Road Ends: We have a sign that needs to be posted at the Lau Road Boat Launch, Kenny Hammel said he would get the Muskegon County Road Commission to install the sign. This sign was provided by a MSU grant regarding invasive species. A citizen reported that the Indian Bay Road end has many tires in the water, under the big tree.
4. ARPA. The bids are being collected and filed.
5. NutriGro. The company has not provided data on PFAS or PFOS in their letter to the township board.
6. New Business:
7. New phone for 911 emergency line at the Pier has arrived, Korthase Electric has been notified.
8. Sign placement for the invasive species sign at the Lau Road Launch. We also have a sign that needs to be reinstalled at the Dune Sanctuary. Jeremy Degen will be contacted to see if he is able to place the signs, in addition to clearing the leaves from the Mouth Cemetary parking lot.
9. Trailers off Anderson Road. Dufresne reported that the Health department went out to the property and could not find evidence of sewage. The township will be drafting a letter to the property owners to remove the trailers in accordance with the WRT Ordinance.
10. August 2, 2022, Election and Election Training. Sargent has ordered 300 folded AB ballots, and 600 flat ballots for the August 2nd Primary Election. There is a training on June 16th for election training at Whitehall City Hall from 1-4pm. Attendees; Patti Sargent, Deb Harris, Julie Goericke, Susan Lloyd, Maggie Kline, and Janet Graham.
11. Boat Lift off Lau Road Launch. The boat lift has been removed.
12. Speed Limit on South end of Indian Bay Road. A citizen has requested lowering the speed limit on Indian Bay Road to 35mph. WRT will request that Muskegon County Road Commission set up a traffic study.

1. Supervisor Comments: Nothing to report
2. Public Comment: A citizen reported that there is a man living on Hancock Road that is jumping in front of cars, throwing water bottles at cars, and trying to get rides into town. The board is aware of the issue. Citizens need to call the police when this happens.
3. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectively submitted

Patti Sargent

Patti Sargent, Clerk