

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

IN PERSON AUGUST 9, 2022 7:00 PM

Masks Optional for vaccinated persons and Social Distancing is recommended.

The meeting of the White River Township Board was called to order at 7:02 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 were present.

1. Approval of Agenda: The motion was made to correct the agenda. Item 7H should read 'Hancock' road, not 'Eilers' road. Harris moved to approve the corrected agenda. Anderson seconds. All in favor, none opposed, the agenda stands corrected.
2. Approval of July 12, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Sargent moves to approve the minutes of July 12th. Dufresne seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes are approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris made the motion to move \$200 from the contingency line to public safety and to add a line for ARPA under revenue and expense. Anderson supports the motion. Roll call; George Dufresne – yes, Laura Anderson – yes, Deb Harris – yes, Patti Sargent – yes, and Mike Cockerill – yes. Motion passes. Sargent made the motion to add \$45 to Accounts Payable. Harris supported the amended Accounts Payable. Roll call; George Dufresne – yes, Laura Anderson – yes, Deb Harris – yes, Patti Sargent – yes, and Mike Cockerill – yes. Motion passes, accounts payable is approved.
4. Correspondence: Supervisor Cockerill received a survey from a new bank regarding new services. All members reported they are happy with our current banking services.
5. Reports:
 - A) Financial July 2022 report: Harris. Noted
 - B) Constable report: Cockerill. There have been some complaints from township residents. Mike Cockerill and George Dufresne will visit the residents and deliver copies of the ordinances in which they are in violation of.
 - C) Solid Waste: Harris. The last meeting was on July 19th. The Solid Waste Authority will adjust their winter hours to 9am – 4pm.
 - D) CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. At the last meeting on August 4th, CEIC learned from the Bodbyls about how they were able to acquire Bass River Recreation Area in Ottawa County. They would like to assist WRT, providing ideas for possible ways the township could acquire the Chemours property. One idea involves creating a county wide Parks and Recreation Board. CEIC is working on a PowerPoint presentation for Fall Outreach/informative meetings. They are continuing to hand out information at the Artisan Markets on Saturdays and will hand out information at the Pumpkin Fest on October 8th. The committee is also questioning the results of the 2020 Ground Water Monitoring Report. CEIC will be meeting with Senator Bumstead at the township hall on August 15th at 11am to discuss their questions and ways he is able to help them.

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- E) Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. In July the Climate Action Team attended a field trip to the solar farm on Sikkenga Road. They noted there was no glare from the panels, the Inverter Station wasn't loud, and the panels are recyclable.
 - F) Recycling: Goericke. Next meeting is August 11th, 2022.
 - G) WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. Public in person Forum at the Fruitland Township Hall on August 18, 2022, from 6 to 8 PM. Mike Eslick from the Muskegon County Health Department will be there.
 - H) Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. There is a concern with the procedures that the Muskegon County Health Department (MCHD) is using for determining septic systems and wells. They are looking at the property measurements but they are not looking at neighbor's property or if the property is in critical dunes. Susan Lloyd would like to draft a letter requesting that the MCHD make their decisions contingent on EGLE approvals. Sargent moves to have the letter drafted and sent to all interested parties in the county, including representatives. Harris seconds. All in favor. None opposed. The motion passes. The planning commission submitted their meeting minutes. The minutes indicated they asked for the master plan survey deadline to be extended to 9-30-22.
 - I) Ambulance: Cockerill. Two new EMTs have been hired. The budget was approved. Runs are up.
 - J) Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. Bob Suits was elected as chair again. One Air Conditioning unit will be replaced at a cost of \$5098.
6. Public comment: A) Bob Lloyd submitted a letter to the board to ask the township to pay for a road survey. There is a question regarding roads and septic systems being placed under roads.
- B) Nancy Hoos inquired about having her husband, John, spray the cemetery for the Woolly Adelgid on the Hemlock trees. She also suggested a traffic speed sign placed on Old Channel Trail Rd. Since the road was repaved, people are speeding. Cockerill said he would call the Muskegon County Road Commission for a traffic study on that road.
- C) Resident asked about the meeting minutes on our website. He can't find them. Harris said she would update the minutes on the website.
7. Unfinished Business:
- A) Fire burned house on the corner of Lehman and Meinert has been removed and the ground leveled.
 - B) ZBA meeting 7-18-22 for 10565 Lost Valley Road addition, variances were granted.
 - C) Public Hearing for a 21 Bix Trail new home in Critical Dune / Water front residential was held 7-19-22 6PM: the building plans were approved.
 - D) A Public Hearing for 17 Lonts Lane, addition of a garage in Critical Dune / Waterfront Residential was held 7-19-22, at 6 PM, the building of the attached garage was approved.

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- E) Road Ends: Sign at Lau Road Boat Launch re: invasive species has been placed by Ken Hammell and Bruce Carroll. There are approximately 18 tires that have been moved on shore by Tim Cusack, and another 15-18 in the water. Question was asked if the road commission would help pay to take them to the transfer station, which is \$5 per tire.
- F) August 2, 2022, Election: There were 514 votes cast, 304 in house votes cast, 210 absentee votes cast. We had a great Election team.
- G) Trailers off Anderson Road letter has been sent to the owners of the property. Letters have been received.
- H) ARPA funds: The new roof is on, the solar panels for the roof of the township hall have been ordered, and the contract has been signed and sent for the repaving of Lamos Road. The safes have been ordered. We are waiting for repaving of the township parking lot, and the stairs quote for the Hancock Road End.

8. New Business:

- A) Army Core of Engineers and EGLE contract to place no wake bouys in White Lake. The cost is \$200 for 2 (two) No Wake Bouys.
- B) Extension of Survey of property owners for Master Plan to September 30, 2022.
- C) The November 8, 2022, Midterm election will cause our Township Board Meeting to be moved. A Wednesday November 9, 2022 date has been suggested. 11-9-22 has been accepted as the new date.

9. Supervisor Comments: The supervisor was contacted by the American Business Association asking to place us as a business in the phone book at a cost of \$275. The request has been denied.

10. Public Comment: A resident asked about the upcoming solar energy system installation in our township. Cockerill said the company is still in the planning stages. They need to do a Hydrology Study. The project has been pushed back to 2024-2025.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Goericke, Deputy Clerk
Patti Sargent, Clerk Patti Sargent