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: Sargent moved to approve the agenda. Harris seconded. The agenda stands approved.
2. Approval of September 13, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Sargent moved to approve the minutes. Defresne seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes stand approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Sargent requested to pay and include the attorney bill when it arrives in this month’s accounts payable. Sargent moved to accept the accounts payable as amended. Harris supported. Roll Call: Patti Sargent-Yes, Deb Harris-Yes, Laura Anderson-Yes, George Dufresne-Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. Accounts payable accepted as amended.
4. Correspondence: Letter of intent from Karen McClain, to join the ZBA. Anderson moved to approve the appointment. Sargent seconded. All in favor, none opposed. An invitation arrived from the Muskegon County Road Commission to attend the annual, Road Kill Banque,t on October 27th. Mike Cockerill may attend.
5. Reports:
   1. Financial Sept 2022 report: Harris. Noted.
   2. Constable report: Cockerill. The Muskegon Road Commission has repaved Lamos Road from Post Rd. to Eilers Rd. and from Fruitvale Rd. to Meinert Rd. The section between Eilers Rd. and Fruitvale Rd. has additional repairs in progress before they finish the repaving.
   3. Solid Waste: Harris. No meeting, nothing to report.
   4. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. CEIC met to discuss the Public Outreach Campaign. Flyers and postcards have been sent out and posts have been made on social media. The committee will be at the Oct. 8th Pumpkin Fest in Montague. The remaining Fall Presentations are Oct. 19th at WRT Hall, Oct. 22nd at WL Community Library, Oct. 26th at Montague City Hall, and Nov. 5th in a virtual town hall.
   5. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. Absent, nothing to report.
   6. Recycling: Goericke. Wasn’t able to attend the last meeting.
   7. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. There were 14-16 people in attendance on Sept 19, 2022 at the WRT Hall. Mike Eslick presented information on septic systems. Every person in this township has a septic system.
   8. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. Lloyd reported that the Property Owners Opinion Survey results were in. The planning commission needs to meet to go over the results before they are shared. Next on the horizon is a look at the township Solar Ordinance. The letter they sent to Muskegon County Health, regarding septic systems, has not been responded to.
   9. Ambulance: Cockerill. The audit is now occurring. New chairs were purchased for the meeting room. There is a rise in mental health calls. Last month they had 157 calls, but only 74 transports. If there is no medical issue, and police are there, the ambulance is allowed to leave.
   10. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. The issue with the LED lights has been resolved and the fixtures are being replaced to fit the LEDs.
6. Public comment: Jim Rose spoke about the Inflation Recovery Act. It was signed 3 months ago and might have funds available to the township.
7. Unfinished Business:
   1. Hemlock trees: Cockerill. Mike Cockerill sprayed the Hemlocks at Mouth cemetery. He has enough to spray again if the need arises. He did not spray off Fruitvale Rd.
   2. ARPA funds: noted
   3. Survey of property owners for Master Plan was extended to September 30, 2022, the planning commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 17,2022, at 2 pm to discuss the findings and get the final report from Williams and Works.
   4. November Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9, 2022 at 7 PM, due to the election on November 8th.
   5. Letter to Muskegon County Health to include EGLE approval prior and land ownership prior to approving the septic or well placement in high rish errosion areas and critical dune overlay has been sent. The planning commission has not had a reply.
   6. Rental of the Hall going forward. New agreements will be drawn up that will not hold the township responsible for contracted illness due to attending a function. The cost of the rental should be increased to cover the maintainence cost. Line #10 should cover the liability for sickness or medical issues. Sargent will check with the township attorney. Due to cleaning costs, rental costs need to increase. New prices are $100 deposit plus $100 fee for residents and $100 deposit plus $200 fee for non-residents. Would like to begin renting Dec. 1st, 2022. Final discussion at November Township Board meeting.
   7. Absentee voters that have requested ballots have been processed and ballots were mailed on September 29, 2022. 270 absentee ballots have been sent.
   8. Taylor Special Exception request for additional revetment on the Lake Michigan Shore. A special hearing was held 10-3-22 at the WRT Hall in which the two parties, Dinges and Taylor, were able to discuss the project. Harris moved to oppose the Taylor’s Special Exception. Dufresne seconded. Roll Call: Patti Sargent-Yes, Deb Harris-Yes, Laura Anderson-Yes, George Dufresne-Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. The Taylor’s Special Exception has been denied.
8. New Business:
   1. Election Inspectors nominated for the November 8th election. Julie Goericke, Margaret Kline, Susan Lloyd, Sue Levy, Marianne Delavan, Laura Anderson, Patti Sargent. Receiving Board: Brian Thompson so far, in need of one more. Deb Harris as an alternate in the case of need. Dufresne moved to accept the nominations. Harris supported the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The Election Inspectors for the November 8, 2022 election have been approved as requested. The Security Camera has been installed. The camera will be paid for with election supplies money. Sargent applied for a grant to cover the costs of election security which could cover the cost of the new mailbox and the security camera. We do not have access to the recordings yet. Sargent will contact Catchmark and request access to the camera recordings.
9. Supervisor Comments: None
10. Public Comment: Resident Mark Grattafiori, 10828 Old Hwy 99, asked if there was a map of where the solar farms might be placed in the township. Cockerill replied no. Dufresne noted that before any thing begins, there will be a public information meeting. After the public information hearing, the planning commission will hear a proposal from the Solar Development Company. Then there will be a special public hearing. As of now, there has been no request made by the Solar Development Company to have a public information meeting.
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent, Clerk