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. Harris absent, all others present.

1. Approval of Agenda: Sargent proposes to move the ‘Safe Septic’ presentation before we begin ‘Reports’ on the agenda. Dufresne moves to approve the agenda with the change. Anderson supports. All in favor, none opposed. The corrected agenda approved.
2. Approval of August 9, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Anderson moves to approve the minutes. Sargent supports. All in favor, none opposed. The August 9, 2022 minutes are approved as written.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Sargent requests that we amend the budget and move $400 from the Parks and Recreation to Public Safety to cover the cost of the new 911 phone at the pier. Anderson supports the request. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - AB, Laura Anderson – Yes, George Dufresne – Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. The budget stands amended. Cockerill provides the bill for Hemlock spraying in the amount of $77.44. This amount is added to the accounts payable for the month with a new balance of $24,712.54. Anderson moves to approve accounts payable. DuFresne supports. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - absent, Laura Anderson – Yes, George Dufresne – Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. The accounts payable are approved as amended.
4. Correspondence: Calls about the condition of Anderson Road and drop off to Carlton Court. Cockerill has called the Muskegon County Road Commission about the condition of Anderson Road. Sargent has called the Muskegon County Road Commission about putting a ‘Pedestrian Crossing’ sign on W Old Channel Trail at Sunset Lane, and the top of the hill just North of the Old Channel Inn. She was instructed to fill out a form.

Rep. Kim Cyr passed out a flyer to township board members detailing how and where county taxpayer money is being spent.

Carlos Carleon and Tanya Cabala from WMEAC presented a power point entitled: “Keeping White Lake Water Clean”. A majority of homes on White Lake have septic systems. Septic systems should be emptied every 3-5 years. September 19-23 is Septic Awareness Week. A flyer was distributed entitled, “Healthy Septic Systems Support Healthy Waterways”.

1. Reports:
   1. Financial AUG 2022 report: Kriesel for Harris. The report was noted.
   2. Constable report: Cockerill. The life rings are still at the pier. Cockerill visited 2 homes recently due to complaints from neighbors. One resident explained that the house is currently in probate. The other resident was home but not responsive. Cockerill will call the sheriff department and ask for a well-being check up. A member of the audience asked about the trailer on Meinert Rd. (Between Old 99 and Indian Bay) that seems to be deserted and is in violation of the ordinance regarding trailers. DuFresne said he will check into the matter.
   3. Solid Waste: Harris. Absent
   4. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. A meeting was held on August 15, 2022 with Senator Bumstead and CEIC at the township hall. He was advised on the current status, he collected information from CEIC, and he will talk to the Attorney General concerning the CACO and get back to the group. CEIC is setting up another informational meeting with Rep. Sabo on September 8, 2022. Rick Redisky has advised CEIC to push for removal of the landfill first and foremost. The next CEIC meeting is September 21, 2022.
   5. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. Electronic Recycling Drive on 9-24-22. $2 per 10 items or $5 per car. Presentation on October 6, 2022, at White Lake Library on Bio-char.
   6. Recycling: Goericke. There have been 2 Zoom meetings, August 11th, and September 8th. The Recycling committee is working on putting together 4 town hall meetings during October and November of this year. The committee is also compiling a document of all the waste and recycling programs in Muskegon County for the Feasibility study.
   7. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. (See item 8a for the township resolution.)
   8. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. The master plan survey has been extended to 9-30-22.
   9. Ambulance: Cockerill. One employee resigned. They have hired a few more EMTs.
   10. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. There are 2 new cadets. Runs are really high at this time.
2. Public comment: None
3. Unfinished Business:
   1. Hemlock trees: Cockerill. Drew Ranior showed Cockerill how to spray Hemlocks for Adelgids at Mouth Cemetery. The best time to spray is in the fall.
   2. Army Core of Engineers and EGLE contract to place no wake buoys in White Lake has been signed and sent. The Army Core of Engineers replied and said we didn’t need to sign a contract. There was a misunderstanding.
   3. Trailers off Anderson Road have both gotten camping permits.
   4. ARPA funds: The repaving of the township parking lot has been completed. Need a stairs quote for Hancock Road End. The Road Commission has received the signed agreements from White River and Montague Township and will plan for repaving Lamos Road from Post Road to Meinert Road.
   5. Survey of property owners for Master Plan has been extended to September 30, 2022.
   6. November Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9, 2022 at 7 PM. It has been moved due to the election on November 8, 2022.
   7. Letter to Muskegon County Health to include EGLE approval prior and land ownership prior to approving the septic or well placement in high risk errosion areas and critical dune overlay.
4. New Business:
   1. Safe Septic Resolution. The resolution was distributed. Sargent moved to accept the resolution. DuFresne supported. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - Absent, Laura Anderson – Yes, George Dufresne – Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. The Safe Septic Resolution is approved. Sargent moved to accept the proclamation to urge all people to join us. DuFresne supported. All in favor, none opposed. The proclamation has been accepted.
   2. Pedestrian traffic near Dune Sanctuary on Old Channel Trail hills. See item 4 regarding ‚Pedestrian Crossing‘ sign.
   3. Ballots have been ordered for the November 8 general Election. They will be sent out once they have been received, by September 29, 2022.
   4. Sadonys‘ have requested to place a cremated loved one with other family and friends in the old/unplotted portion of Hubbard cemetery. The board approves the request. The board needs to be informed where the headstone will be placed, and the headstone needs to have a concrete base.
   5. Taylor request for a Special Exception for more rock revetment. A special meeting to discuss this will be help on Monday, October 3rd, at 6 PM.
   6. Video Camera on Ballot Drop Box bid from Catchmark Technologies and other options. The camera from Catchmark has night vision and is motion activated. It is $1200.00. Anderson moves to buy the camera. Cockerill supports. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - Absent, Laura Anderson – Yes, George Dufresne – Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. The motion to have Catchmark place the camera for election security was approved.
   7. PFAS testing of water Chemours is pumping into Lake Michigan. This is not done presently.
   8. Thank you Senator Bumstead for the flag that is flying over the Township Hall.
   9. Bruce Carroll and Ken Hammel will put up the signs at the Dune Sanctury when they find the time.
5. Supervisor Comments: None
6. Public Comment: Several members of the audience requested information on the township’s position on solar farms. There are property owners in the township that have signed leases with solar companies. The township’s ordinance was copied and distributed to the members of the board and audience. The ordinance requires a Special Land Use permit before work begins on any solar farm. There are many unanswered questions at this point. Questions remain regarding land use deemed agricultural vs commercial, and dual purpose use of property.
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent

Clerk