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, none absent.

1. Approval of Agenda: Defresne moved to approve the agenda. Anderson supported. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands approved.
2. Approval of October 3, 2022, and October 11, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Harris moved to approve the October 3, 2022, minutes. Sargent supported. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes stand approved. Cockerill moved to approve the October 11, 2022, minutes. Dufresne supported. All in favor, none opposed. The minutes stand approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris moved to accept the accounts payable. Sargent supported. Roll call: Patti Sargent - Yes, Deb Harris - Yes, Laura Anderson – Yes, George Dufresne – Yes, and Mike Cockerill – Yes. Accounts payable accepted.
4. Correspondence: The owners of the Old Channel Golf Course have asked White River Township many questions about land splits. WRT has been advised to inform Old Channel Golf Course to look at the township ordinances and submit a proposal.
5. Reports:
   1. Financial Oct 2022 report: Harris. Noted. Harris checked on the Best Financial C.U. CDs with 5% interest offered in October. The offer was not available for Municipalities. The CD at Harbor Light matures on December 13, 2022.
   2. Constable report: Cockerill. Cockerill reported that life ring #5 is missing. Cockerill visited a township resident on Hancock to inform them they were in violation of the township ordinance 42-05 to regulate junk.
   3. Solid Waste: Harris. Harris reported that the White Lake Transfer Station has switched to their winter hours. They will be open 9am-4pm from October to March. May 6, 2023, is the date for WRT’s Pride Day which will be the same as last year with a $25 voucher.
   4. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. Brenda Moore will be meeting with CEIC on November 15, 2022, to discuss testing of Sadony Bayou sediment before it freezes. The next meetings are November 16, 2022 and December 1, 2022.
   5. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel. Kriesel reported that the Montague Middle School group has doubled their membership this year and they have named themselves the Climate Cats. The students are planning field trips, guest speakers, and presentations.
   6. Recycling: Goericke. No new meetings. The recycling committee has received an extension on their feasibility study.
   7. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. The next meeting is December 14, 2022.
   8. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. Dufresne reported that there is a work session on Monday to enhance the Solar Ordinance and tighten up regulations.
   9. Ambulance: Cockerill. They are beginning to work on the 2-year process of re-chassying an older ambulance, which saves money over the purchase of a new ambulance.
   10. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. The fire authority participated in a Lake Michigan rescue on October 14, 2022. The rescue was conducted in 6-8 foot waves on SeaDoos. The audit begins on 11-10-22.
6. Public comment: Jon Howell asked the board for the results of the survey. The Planning Commission is still working on the results of the survey.
7. Unfinished Business:
   1. ARPA funds: The Safes and Solar Panels have been installed. While the Solar Panels have been installed, they are not operational yet. The safes have been filled with election and tax information. Harris reported that the Annual Assessment Roll is available as an online service as opposed to the all paper system the Township currently has. Sargent moved to use the online service. Harris supported the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The Annual Assessment Roll will be digitized on a hard drive and backed up by the county.
   2. Election results from November 8 in White River Township, 358 absentee ballots were returned and 357 were counted as one voter passed away before election day, therefore could not be counted, 530 voted in person. Total number to voters was 887.
   3. Stairs to Lake Michigan Beach from Hancock road end. Harris will check with attorney and Road Commission about the requirements of the builder for the stairs.
   4. Tires at the end of Indian Bay Road. The tires that were removed from White Lake and stacked up were removed. There are more tires there under the bush.
   5. The Hall rental agreement was discussed with our attorney who said our contract was ok as is with hold harmless clause. Costs of renting the hall, $100 for residents or property owners of White River Township with $100 deposit, non residents $200 rental, with $100 deposit. The $100 deposit will be returned if all trash removed and additional cleaning is not necessary.
   6. We now have access to the camera. Catchmark came in and showed Clerk how to access the video. The video is now turned off since the election is over. It will be turned back on for the next election cycle.
8. New Business:
   1. Drian Commissioner to speak at the December 13, 2022 meeting. She will be speaking about the Detention property on Eilers Road. The township should have a policy about land use and she will advise us about what we can and can’t do on the property.
   2. Cemetary report. Sargent provided the board with 2 sets of rules for Hubbard Cemetary. Sargent will get with Jeremy Degen, the sexton, to clarify the rules regarding grave dimensions and the amount of cremated remains per grave site. 1 (one) headstone per plot will be allowed. The Sexton Jeremy Degen will put the base in for each headstone and place the remains, both full casket and cremated remains. Sexton Degen will determine placement of the cremated remains and full casket placement. Rules and regulations will be discussed in December, 2022.
   3. The township attorney was consulted regarding the solar ordinance and the public information meeting the Solar Company would like to hold. Amendments to the Solar Ordinance will be discussed at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on November 15, 2022. The attorney suggested Montague High School Auditorium as a place for the public informational meeting, due to larger space and more parking.
   4. Land Splits done by the County of Muskegon. Lloyd reported that if we were to contract with the county to do land splits, they would want the township to collect the fees. Lloyd will talk with Mr. VanBruggen about persuing this service and if they will incorporate our township subset of rules. Discussion of findings at the December meeting.
9. Supervisor Comments:
   1. Cockerill will take the 3 (three) life rings off the west end of the White Lake Pier on November 20, 2022. The notice will be put in the newpaper.
   2. James Levy resigned from the planning committee.
   3. Congratulations were extended to George Dufresne for winning reelection as trustee for White River Township for 4 more years.
   4. WLAC Nuveen is selling wreaths for $38 as a fund raiser. Sargent will send in payment for a 16 inch Holiday Wreath for the township hall.
   5. Sargent moved to appoint Jon Howell to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) beginning immediately. Anderson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Welcome Jon Howell to the ZBA.
   6. Harris moved to appoint Karen McClain to the Planning Commission from the Zoning Board. Dufresne seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Karen McClain is filling the Planning and Zoning Commission vacancy.
10. Public Comment: Jon Howell informed the board that the county has a detailed map of the county cemeteries that could be a resource for the township.
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

WRT Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent

White River Township Clerk