The meeting of the White River Township Board was called to order at 7:04 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 except for Trustee Laura Anderson.

1. Approval of Agenda: Sargent moved to approve the agenda. Dufresne seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands approved.
2. Approval of November 9, 2022, Township Board meeting minutes. Dufresne moved to approve the November 9th minutes. Harris seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The November 9th minutes stand approved.
3. Accounts Payable: Sargent. Harris moved to amend the budget to include $24.73 in interest to ARPA income and expenses. She also moved to move $39,977.30 from the general fund to income and added $39,977.30 to roads. Sargent seconded the amendment. *Roll Call: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – AB, George Dufresne - YES, and Mike Cockerill – YES.* The budget stands amended. Harris moved to approve the accounts payable. Sargent seconded the motion. *Roll Call: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – AB, George Dufresne - YES, and Mike Cockerill – YES.* The accounts payable are approved.
4. Correspondence: Many letters to the board regarding Solar Energy Projects in White River Township have been received.
5. Reports:
   1. Financial December 2022 report: Harris. The financials were noted. Harris moved to put $250,000 into a money market account at Shelby Bank at an interest rate of 3.15%. . *Roll Call: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – AB, George Dufresne - YES, and Mike Cockerill – YES.* The motion stands approved.
   2. Constable report: Cockerill. There are 2 road signs ready to put up in the township. A township resident advised contacting the MCRC sign shop to have more signs made up. Cockerill stated he visited a home on Hancock regarding a violation of a township ordinance and no one was home.
   3. Solid Waste: Harris reported a meeting will be held next week.
   4. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson (AB). Dufresne reported that the CEIC Committee is actively pursuing community awareness regarding Chemours and is also pursuing testing of the sediment in Sadony Bayou.
   5. Recycling: Goericke. Goericke reported there was a meeting earlier in the day that she could not attend.
   6. WMEAC: Sargent: Septic systems care and maintenance near lakes and streams. Sargent reported that the program has received funding for another year.
   7. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne. Dufresne reminded the audience that there was a public hearing about the moratorium on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7pm.
   8. Ambulance: Cockerill. The audit is complete. Response times to all calls is 10 minutes, 22 seconds. Response times for emergency calls is just over 7 minutes.
   9. Fire Authority: Cockerill, Cederquist. The installation of the LED lights has been completed.
6. Public comment: Jim Rose presented a study to the board about property values and solar farms.
7. Unfinished Business:
   1. ARPA funds: Lamos Road repaving has been completed. The Township cost for the Lamos road project was $146,392.18. Montajue Township also spent $146,392.19. The Muskegon County Road Commission paid $296,000 for this project. This is a correction from last months report since the amount came in a little under budget.
   2. Stairs to Lake Michigan Beach from Hancock road end information. Harris was sent an application for a permit for the stairs. The township needs to start 100 feet from the road way sign and avoid the drainage area. The township is able to accept bids for the project.
   3. The Public Hearing on December 20, 2022 was so well attended that the next Planning Commission Public Hearing set for January 12, 2023 at 7pm will be held in the Montague High School Cafeteria, 4900 Stanton Blvd, Montague.
8. New Business:
   1. The public notices will be placed in legal ads in the Muskegon Chronicle and on Mlive.
   2. Lawn equipment costs and rate increase request from Sextant Jeremy Degen. His current rate is $14/hour for him and $14/hour for his equipment. Sargent moves to increase pay retroactively for 2022 to reflect $15/hour for him and $15/hour for his equipment. She also moves to increase his rates for 2023 to $15/hour for him and $20/hour for his equipment. Harris seconded the motion. . *Roll Call: Patti Sargent - YES, Deb Harris - YES, Laura Anderson – AB, George Dufresne - YES, and Mike Cockerill – YES.*
   3. John Degen. John Degen addressed the board and asked them why they have not responded to the Solar Application. He requested that only WRT residents make suggestions regarding the Solar Farm. He also asked if the moratorium was for the application or the ordinance.
   4. Sports and Shorts, cost this year is $3500. There was discussion about the increase in cost this year. Harris will call and find out why the cost is about 3 times what it was last year. Last year the cost was $1225. (The $3500 will be split with Montague Township if approved. Bringing the cost to White River Townshipt to $1750.)
9. Supervisor Comments: No comments
10. Public Comment: Tim Balcom. In response to item 5 h on the agenda (ambulance report), Tim was concerned about the 7+ minute response time for ambulances, stating that CPR needs to be started right away, yet many people don’t know how to do CPR. He requested the township look into holding a CPR training at the township hall. Resident John Degen said he has information on CPR training.
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent Clerk