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 members present.

1. Approval of Agenda: Sargent moved to adjust item 2 on the agenda. The second item should be; Approval of April 11, 2023 minutes only, with the April 26, 2023 minutes moved to the next board meeting. Sargent moved to approve the corrected agenda. Dufresne seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands approved with the correction.
2. Approval of April 11, 2023, and April 26, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes. Sargent moved to approve the April 11, 2023 Township Board meeting minutes. Dufresne seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The April 11, 2023 minutes stand approved.
3. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each. Supervisor Cockerill recused himself from the public comment. Clerk Sargent took over as moderator of the public comment.
   1. Sandra Cross – Director for White Lake Chamber Music Festival. This year the performances will be from August 5 to August 13. (whitelakemusic.org)
4. Special Order of Business: (Comments by Board Members) No comments.
5. Old (Unfinished) Business:
   1. There was a county wide millage election on May 2, 2023. There were 192 absentee ballots returned and counted, 106 in person voters, 1 new voter registered. The results were 189 yes votes, 109 No votes. County wide the millage did pass.
   2. There was a Public Hearing re: Ordinances 58-2023 and 59-2023 at the Montague High School Auditorium on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM, the regular Planning Commission meeting was held on that Wednesday April 19, @ 6:30 pm as well.
6. New Business:
   1. A special meeting of the White River Township Board was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Montague High School Auditorium. Ordinances #58-2023 and #59-2023 were passed and notices were published on May 4, 2023.
   2. “No Wake“ Bouy in White Lake. A signed permit has been received from EGLE showing where the buoy is to be placed. The buoy will be placed by Memorial Day weekend.
   3. Road Name Signs Missing on Meinert and Chase. Cockerill is looking at putting a new post in for the road signs.
   4. Ordinances 58-2023 and 59-2023 will be enacted May 12,2023.
   5. Road Brining cost to township is $5541.59. This was not done last year due to sodium level. The Muskegon Road Commission sent a letter to the township detailing the cost and offering a choice to opt out. Sargent moved to not brine the roads. Harris seconded the motion. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - yes, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson – yes, George Dufresne – yes, and Mike Cockerill – no. The motion passes. The roads will not be brined.
   6. Repeal Police Power Moritoriium Ordinance #56-2023. Seven (7) days from May 4, 2023, when Ordinances #58-2023 and #59-2023 adoption was published in the paper. Harris moved to repeal. Dufresne seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passes.
   7. Catholic Heart Work camp opportunities. Dave Sipka reported there will be close to 400 high school kids staying at Montague High School from June 18 to June 23. They are looking for projects, and interested in fence repair and pulling trees off graves at Mouth Cemetary. Mr. Sipka will pay for crushed concrete to repave part of the road to the cemetary. The students will be covered by insurance and any service project ideas will be considered. Sargent moved to support the students. Harris supported. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - yes, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson – yes, George Dufresne – yes, and Mike Cockerill – yes. The motion passes.
   8. CPR classes to be offered here at the WRT hall. Cost is expected to be $30 per person with a minimum of 10 people per class. If you are interested please call the township hall at 894-9216. These classes will depend on interest and may be held on a Thursday evening.
7. Reports:
8. Financial April 2023 report: Harris. The financials were noted.
9. Constable report: Cockerill. The life rings are in place.
10. Solid Waste: Harris. A meeting was held on April 18, 2023. They will be purchasing a fence gate on rollers, a lawn mower, and power tools. They estimated $17,000 for the expenses.
11. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. CEIC updates. April 13, 2023, CEIC met with Marty Holtgren to discuss a grant proposal for restoration of Sadony Bayou. April 20, 2023, met with staff from Moolenar’s office for possible EPA involvement. April 25, 2023, met with EGLE to review survey results. Began drafting the language for a CACO. April 27, 2023, met with Dallas Goldberg and Brenda Moore at the Water Resources Commission. She sent a letter of support. Montague has withdrawn from being the fiduciary and Marty and Barb have approached Trout Unlimited. CEIC is looking into creating a 501C3 in order to collect donations to fund their projects. Next meeting is May 17, 2023, at 2pm.
12. Recycling: Goericke. A meeting was held April 13, 2023. The committee is working on a presentation to share at board meetings, accompanied by a short survey regarding recycling in our county.
13. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne: Lloyd reported that the PC is returning to their work on the Master Plan, the bylaws, PFAS, and the recommendation of a Zoning Enforcement Officer.
14. Ambulance: Cockerill. The average response time within White River Township is 7 minutes.
15. Fire Authority: Cockerill. Current runs are at 117. Last year at this time the runs were at 149. The exhaust system in the bay area is coming in under the quoted amount. The bike rodeo is scheduled for May 11, 2023.
16. Accounts Payable: Sargent. The accounts were noted. The township will be reimbursed for the school millage election. We will need to pay the Boy Scouts $800 from this month. Harris moved to approve the accounts payable. Anderson seconded. Roll Call: Patti Sargent - yes, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson – yes, George Dufresne – yes, and Mike Cockerill – yes. The motion passes.
17. Other Business or Correspondence:
    1. Sargent reported that she received a letter shortly before the meeting. The letter indicated its intent to file a petition to request a referendum to repeal Ordinance #58-2023. If the referendum gets enough signatures it will go on the ballot for people to vote on it.
    2. Sargent received another letter from EGLE for a Special Exception for a retaining wall in Lost Valley. The board members will need to go out to the address and view the area before voting.

10.Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each.

a. Lauren Wackernagel; WRT Resident. Asked how the residents will become aware of the status of the ongoing lawsuits.

11. Adjounment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

Deputy Clerk, WRT