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 - present, Patti Sargent Clerk - absent, Deb Harris Treasurer - present, Laura Anderson trustee – present, George Dufresne Trustee, present.

1. Approval of Agenda: Harris moved to amend and approve the agenda by adding 6e spelling correction, 6f bills received after today’s date, 6g Zoning Enforcement Officer Discussion, and 7a change ‘April’ to ‘May’. Anderson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands amended and approved.
2. Approval of May 9, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes. Dufresne moved to approve the minutes. Harris seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes stand approved.
3. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each.
   1. Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator. Submitted a letter regarding Critical Dune Permits.
   2. Kim Cyr, Muskegon County Administrator. Presented a flier for a summer arts day camp in Muskegon for grades 5-12.
   3. Jordan Veenstra, WRT Resident. Asked about how to determine if a property has wetlands.
4. Special Order of Business: (Comments by Board Members)
   1. A letter was received from the Health Department about water quality testing at public sights. Mike Eslick, Muskegon County Health Department, said water quality testing is done at Meinert Park. A metal sign has been installed informing the public of the water quality testing done at the park. A request was made to add water quality testing and signage at the Dune Sanctuary. Mike asked for the request in writing, which could add the testing next year. A question was asked about the micro organisms at the mouth of Little Flower Creek and whether it was safe for swimming. It is not currently being tested. It was suggested that the creeks should be avoided after a rainfall, to avoid run off.
5. Old (Unfinished) Business:
   1. CPR classes to be held at the Township Hall. Two people have signed up. Mary Kriesel will look at Thursdays at the end of July and when a date is decided on, it will be posted on the website.
   2. Catholic Heart Work Camp updates. Dave Sipka checked in with the office yesterday, June 12. He will send a reciept for the paint they use to paint the fence.
   3. Road Name Signs Missing on Meinert and Chase. The sign is up on the southeast corner.
6. New Business:
   1. Cost of Elections with early voting. Set up is a total of $66,586. If all Muskegon County jurisdictions join together, White River Townships‘ share would match the voting population of our Township as compared to the rest of the county or 0.881%, which would be about $587.00. White River Township could not pay for early voting ourselves for that price. The May 2, 2023, election was more than $2000.00 for just the one day. This early voting would take place at the old Baker College site, 1903 Marquette Ave in Muskegon. This is a great opportunity for voters to have additional days to vote in person. Once the required election equipment has been aquired the cost of a State or Federal election for early voting would drop to $21,436.00 county wide. White River Townships portion would be $189.00. This is a variable estimate which depends on the number of voters in the Township which changes frequently as people move in and out of the Township. Do we want to participate? Dufresne moved to have White River Township participate in Muskegon County Early Voting at the Marquette Avenue location. Harris seconded the motion. **Roll Call**:, Patti Sargent - absent, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson - yes, George Dufresne – yes, Mike Cockerill -yes. Muskegon Count early voting cooperation was approved. White River Township will join with the rest of Muskegon County for the 9 days of early voting.
   2. Approval of the new contract with the County of Muskegon Equalization Department for Assessing. Harris moved to approve the 5 year contract. Defresne seconded the motion. **Roll Call**: Patti Sargent - absent, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson - yes, George Dufresne - yes. Mike Cockerill – yes. A five (5) year contract with the County of Muskegon Equalization Department for Assessing has been approved.
   3. MTA membership dues. Harris moved to approve payment for the MTA dues. Cockerill seconded the motion. **Roll Call**: Mike Cockerill -yes, Patti Sargent - absent, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson - yes, & George Dufresne - yes. MTA membership has been approved.
   4. Special Exception for retaining wall for the Bolstein residence at 13024 Lost Valley Road. Property number 61 01 562-000-034-00. Harris moved to approve the Special Exception. Dufresne supported. All in favor, none opposed. The Special Exception has been approved.
   5. Referendum – Any questions need to be directed towards the Township’s Attorneys.
   6. Bills received after today’s date. Harris moved to pay bills received after today’s date. Anderson seconded. **Roll Call**: Patti Sargent - absent, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson - yes, George Dufresne – yes, Mike Cockerill – yes. Bills received after June 13th are allowed to be paid.
   7. Zoning Enforcement Officer Discussion. Discussion focused on possible title of the officer. Lloyd suggested Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Discussion also on how this officer would follow up on complaints, but not look for violations.
7. Reports:
8. Financial April 2023 report: Harris – noted.
9. Constable report: Cockerill. The life rings are still in place on the pier, and they are in good shape.
10. Solid Waste: Harris. The next meeting is June 20th.
11. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson. Sediment testing from Sadony Bayou were compared to Sediment Quality Guidelines that EGLE uses. The results were sent to Rick Rediske and Marty Holtgren for comments. Barb Reese spoke with the Michigan Conservation District about having them act as fiduciary for CEIC. CEIC will be marching in the 4th of July Parade. The next meeting is June 21st at 2pm, WR Township hall.
12. Recycling: Goericke. The next meeting is June 28th.
13. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Dufresne: The next meeting is June 20th. They are continuing to work on the Master Plan.
14. Ambulance: Cockerill. The new chassis is on the box. The budget was passed and they are $150,000 in the black. Looking for a new financial officer.
15. Fire Authority: Cockerill. Update on the LED lights; they have noticed the LED lights are already saving them money. Cockerill submitted a chart showing possible scenarios to pay off the bond debt early.
16. Accounts Payable: Sargent/ Goericke. Anderson moved to approve the accounts payable. Harris seconded the motion. **Roll Call**: Patti Sargent - absent, Deb Harris - yes, Laura Anderson - yes, George Dufresne - yes. Mike Cockerill -yes. Accounts payable are approved.
17. Other Business or Correspondence: Nothing to report.
18. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each.
    1. Lauren Wackernagel, WRT Resident. Asked what the attorney fees were for this month. They were $7656.00.
    2. Henry Baily, WRT Resident. Reported that the street sign at Chase and Fruitvale is bent.
    3. Sam Bender, WRT Resident. Asked if the ordinances are online? The ordinances are on file.
    4. Nathan Niegelkirk, WRT Resident. Encouraged the board to listen to the residents. Does not think the board should use taxpayer money to look for violations. Violations should be raised by residents.
    5. Pam Balcom, WRT Resident. Asked why a separate person is required. Dufresne responded that we don’t currently have someone with those responsibilities. In addition, it shouldn’t be an elected position.
    6. Tim Balcom, WRT Resident. Asked if the township has an ordinance about people working a business out of their homes. Lloyd responded that we have an ordinance.
    7. Susan Lloyd, WRT Resident. Asked if we have a detailed list of where our recyclables are taken? Harris responded that the Solid Waste Transfer Station sends their recyclables to Kent County, but it’s not a detailed list.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke

WRT Deputy Clerk