The meeting of the White River Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Ron Bailey with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present :Ronald Bailey, Supervisor; Patti Sargent, Clerk; Deb Harris; Treasurer.

Absent: Laura Anderson & George Dufresne, Trustees.

1. Approval of Agenda: Harris moved to approve the agenda as written. Sargent supported the motion to approve. All present in favor, none opposed. Agenda is approved.
2. Approval of November 14, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes. Sargent moved to approve the November 14, 2023; Township Board meeting minutes as written. Harris supported the motion to approve. All present in favor, none opposed. November 14, 2023, meeting minutes stand approved.
3. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each. County Commissioner Kim Cyr introduced himself.
4. Special Order of Business: (Comments by Board Members) none
5. Old (Unfinished) Business:
   1. Pigeon Hill Resort Junk complaint; nothing new to report. The Zoning Administrator, and once in place the Code Enforcement Officer will be responding to written complaints going forward.
   2. Land Splits now being done by Muskegon County GIS after review by the Zoning Administrator. Reviewed.
   3. Mouth Cemetery (A committee to clean up or improve and maintain Mouth Cemetery has been approved by the White River Township Board) All Committee activities should be approved by, and reported to, the WRT Board. We will revisit in the spring.
6. New Business:
   1. Zoning Enforcement Officer Job Description. Job description was discussed. Harris made a motion to approve the job description pending approval of the township attorney. Sargent supported the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. The job description is approved pending approval of the township attorney. Anyone interested in this position please let the board know in writing or by email.
   2. Possible hourly Maintainence position. This position could earn 18 dollars an hour for projects such as maintaining the Life Rings on the pier, replacement of road signs, possible maintainence of the boat launch. Anyone interested in this position please let the board know in writing or by email.
7. Reports:
8. Financial November 2023 report: Harris: Noted
9. Constable report: Bailey- nothing to report.
10. Solid Waste: Harris: no meeting was held last month.
11. CEIC / recent meetings: Anderson Harris reported for Anderson. There will be a meeting Jan 25 from 5:50 to 7 pm to update the public on how things are proceeding with Chemours. An EGLE representative, Rhonda Blayer, will be there. Send questions and comments to Laura Anderson. Other meetings of interest will be held by Zoom on 12-20-23 and on 1-4-24 at 7pm. Thank you to Andy Roberts for the great article reporting on CEIC in the paper.
12. Recycling: Goericke: no report
13. Planning Commission. Lloyd or Kline/Harris: Lloyd reported there has been little interest in the Townhall meetings having only one person attend each of the meetings, so they will be suspended until Spring. Work continues the Master Plan, the Code Enforcement Officer job description, and the By Laws of the Planning Commission.
14. Ambulance: Anderson; Noted
15. Fire Authority: Bailey no report
16. Accounts Payable: Sargent/ Goericke the Pierson Drain assessment was paid this month which made the accounts payable amount higher than usual.
17. Other Business or Correspondence: Rose Webber contacted Supervisor Bailey and asked about the paving of Lau Road. There are 3 roads in the township that could be improved. Lau, Lamos from Meinert to Skeels, and Hancock from Lamos to Indian Bay. Supervisor Bailey will contact the Road Commission and get estimates on how much each of those projects would cost and report on that next month.
18. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each.

Dave Pickard, North Old Channel Trail, Montague wanted to know if the township had heard the ruling on the public access determination of Hancock Road end. No, we have not heard anything to date.

Bill DeNeut: North Old Channel Trail, Montague, “Why do we pay so much for Ambulance?” There are 5 municipalities that fund the Ambulance service, White River, Whitehall Township, Blue Lake Township, Montague City and Montague Township. The response time for Ambulance service is very good with the service we support with our property tax. The millage was approved by the voters.

Nathan Nagelkirk: North Old Channel Trail, Montague. Nathan asked if small trees in Mouth Cemetery could be cut down. White Pines are the state tree and are protected by the State of Michigan. (Upon further investigation, nothing could be found regarding White Pine protection.) We will revisit this next month.

1. Swearing-in of the new Zoning Administrator William Schmiege. Mr. Schmiege was sworn in.
2. Adjournment: Sargent moved to adjourn the meeting; Harris supported the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Sargent, Clerk