

## **Unapproved Minutes of the Whitefish Township Board Regular Meeting – November 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Ertel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Frank Lada, Richard Gratopp, Karen Bender, and Darryl Ertel.

Absent: Edson Forrester

Pledge of Allegiance

No amendments to the agenda.

Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ertel, second by Bender, to approve the minutes of October 24, 2019, Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ertel, second by Bender, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019, Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk's budget report received via Karen Bender.

Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to remove the prior clerk from all credit cards. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report received via Frank Lada. (Attachment #1)

Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to remove the prior treasurer from all credit cards. Motion carried.

Supervisor's report received via Darryl Ertel.

A brief update was provided by Ertel on the Tacqua Trail project.

Ertel commented that during the recent logging activity on Goose Marsh Road, the sign that the Township paid for has been knocked down. Dick Timmer from the Chippewa County Road Commission to advise.

Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to pay bills in the amount of \$53,688.37. Motion carried (Attachment #2)

### **Correspondence received**

Information regarding PILT funding and swamp tax payments for state owned property recently being eliminated via a line-item veto by the Michigan governor was provided. This will have a significant impact on the Township budget if not received. Names and contact information of legislators was also provided to encourage all to write them to restore appropriations for PILT.

## **Public comment received**

Citizen requested that a sign be put up for Tacqua Trail on M-123. Ertel will pass the information to Rob Laitinen, Chippewa County Road Commission Superintendent.

## **Committee Reports**

Fire department report received via Steve Guidebeck. Two quotes were for a rescue UTV were provided for review. Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to approve purchase of the 2019 Honda Pioneer 1000 with trailer and Skid Rescue from Leitz Sports Center for the amount of \$24,955.00 to be split between Fire and EMS. Motion carried.

EMS report received via Renee Gray.

Library report received via John Griebel. The library has 2 postings, one for a new Library Director and the other for an opening on the Library Board.

Zoning Administrator report received Edson Forrester (memo).

Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, for the Zoning Administration and Ordinance Enforcement Officer to issue a citation for open pit mining. Motion carried.

No OEO report received.

No Zoning Board of Appeals report received.

Planning Commission report received via Gratopp. There has been no action by the Planning commission; however, there is an opening on the commission. Anyone interested should submit a letter accordingly to the Board.

No Assessor report received.

## **Old Business**

1. **Zoning Board of Appeals opening:** The Township is still seeking persons interested in serving as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## **New business**

1. **Tower Variance Change:** Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to approve a variance to the variance to the current zoning ordinance for cell tower height from 180' to 200'. Motion carried.
2. **County Garage Clean-up Resolution:** Motion by Ertel, second by Bender, to approve Whitefish Township Resolution 110172019 to Support Remediation of Paradise Brownfield. Roll Call vote: Lada – Aye, Gratopp – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ertel – Aye. Motion carried.
3. **Rec Plan:** Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to allow EUP Regional Planning to assist with Recreation Plan. Motion carried.
4. **Dec Board Meeting date change:** Motion by Ertel, second by Bender, to move the December board meeting date from Thursday, December 5, 2019, to Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Motion carried.

5. **2020 Board Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion carried.
6. **EMS Ambulance Replacement.** Renee Gray provided a quote from Emergency Vehicles Plus for purchase of a new ambulance for a net cost of \$163,097.00 (vehicle cost with graphics is \$178,097.00 minus trade-in of \$15,000). Information regarding 5-year and 7-year leasing options from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp was also provided.

Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F450 4X4 Road Rescue Remount. Motion carried.

Motion by Lada, second by Gratopp, to pay for the ambulance through Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp via a 5-year schedule which equates to annual cost of \$35,602.81. Motion carried.

7. **ES Cost Recovery Ordinance.** Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to approve Whitefish Township EMS and Fire Cost Recovery Ordinance #11072019. Motion carried.
8. Robert Jabkowski, representative from FirstNet/AT&T, shared information about plans for a public safety communication network across the Upper Peninsula.

Signed minutes returned to the clerk.

Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, carried to adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m.