

**Unapproved Minutes of the Whitefish Township Board  
Regular Meeting – February 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**

**A. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Ertel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Amendments to Agenda**

None

**D. Review of Minutes**

Motion by Ertel, second by Bender, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020, Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**E. Clerk's Report**

Clerk's budget report received via Karen Bender.

**F. Treasurer's Report**

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

**G. Supervisor's report**

Supervisor's report received via Darryl Ertel.

**H. Presentations of Bills**

Motion by Ertel, second by Gratopp, to pay bills in the amount of \$64,959.80. Motion carried. (Attachment #2)

**I. Correspondence**

None

**J. Public Comment**

1. Comment received from Mike Rubin posing questions about the possible creation of a new office manager position for the township office.
2. Sarah Wilde presented the Treasurer a \$300.00 donation check from the Paradise Chamber of Commerce in appreciation for Township support of the Chamber's events.
3. Comment received from Dennis Bedell regarding the office position in item 1 as well as a follow-up inquiry about the maintenance status of the state highway bridge over the Tahquamenon River.

Following the end of Public Comment, Ertel and Forrester provided commentary regarding the questions presented in items 1 and 3.

## **K. Departmental/Committee Reports**

Fire department report received via memo from Steve Guidebeck. A letter of resignation from the Fire Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief was received, effective 2 weeks from the date of the board meeting.

EMS report received via memo from Renee Gray.

Library report received via Rick Bicknell.

Zoning Administrator/OEO report received Edson Forrester. Two homes and one garage will start new construction in the spring. Additionally, there has been one short-term rental denial and one campground denial.

No Zoning Board of Appeals activity to report.

Planning Commission report received from Richard Gratopp. Two special land use permits were reviewed and approved at the February 5, 2020 meeting.

No Assessor report received.

## **L. Old Business**

1. **Planning Commission opening:** The Township is seeking persons interested in serving as a member of the Planning Commission.

## **M. New Business**

1. **Performance Resolution (MDOT):** Motion by Ertel to adopt a resolution for MDOT to allow the Township to get permits for the Fourth of July Parade and the Whitefish Point Marathon, support by Forrester for discussion. Discussion took place regarding whether the proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Township's insurance provider. Motion amended by Ertel to adopt the resolution pending approval by the Township insurance carrier, support by Forrester. Roll call vote: Lada – yes, Gratopp – yes, Bender – yes, Forrester – yes, Ertel – yes. Motion carried.
2. **Library Millage Renewal Resolution:** Verbiage has been drafted by the Library Board, but will be presented for approval at the next Township Board meeting under Old Business.
3. **North Shore Park:**
  - a. The Township is applying for a grant to purchase an adjacent 600 feet of frontage on Lake Superior eastward from the current park location. As required for the grant submission, a public meeting to get input is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.
  - b. To help in the grant submission and approval process, it is recommended that the Township name the park. Motion by Forrester, second by Bender, to name the Township park on North Shore the Saturn Memorial Township Park. Motion carried.

4. **Budget Transfer:** Motion by Ertel, second by Lada, to allow the clerk to make budget amendments via transfer of funds as presented. Motion carried. (Attachment #3).
5. **Amend the November 7 2019 minutes:** Motion by Forrester, second by Ertel, to approve the cellular tower at 30220 Wildcat Road to be a height of 230 feet. Motion carried.

**N. Land Division**

No land divisions.

**O. Sign and Return Minutes to Clerk**

Signed minutes returned to the clerk.

**P. Adjournment**

Motion by Forrester, second by Ertel, carried to adjourn meeting at 8:39 a.m.