

April 1 ,2021 at 7:00 PM

Whitefish Township Board

In Person Meeting

- A. Call to order and roll call. Present- Gomery, Frank Lada, Sue Lada. Absent- Gratopp and Forester.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Amendments to Agenda- None.
- D. Review of Minutes.
- E. Clerks Report- Gomery reported that the Wilderness Station is getting close to the \$100,000 limit set by the board last year. There was a motion by Frank Lada, second by Sue Lada, to cease work on the station until the budget is finalized in June. Motion carried unanimously by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, and Gomery. Frank read the estimates of the work that has been performed.

Gomery read the easement for Wilderness Station, granting the State of Michigan access to the property to complete necessary functions.

- F. Treasurers Report- Given by Sue Lada.
- G. Supervisors Report- Presented by Frank Lada. Frank Lada stated that he is working with BS&A regarding budgeting and other general issues.
- H. Presentation of Bills- Presented by Gomery. There was a motion by Frank Lada with the second by Sue Lada to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,437.52. Motion carried unanimously by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, and Gomery.
- I. Correspondence/Recognition/Announcements- Frank Lada thanked Sue Lada for her hard work during tax season. Gomery recognized the new restaurant in town, The Wheelhouse. Frank Lada acknowledged new zoning administrator Rolland Bell.
- J. Public Comment- none.
- K. Departmental/Committee Reports
 - Fire- Report read by Frank Lada.
 - EMS- Report read by Frank Lada.
 - Custodian- None
 - Transfer Station- Scott Erickson stated that he is trying to work with a concrete company to las a pad approximately 18 x 24 feet in size.
 - Library- Scott Erickson stated that the library is now loaning out guitars and a ukulele for anyone with a library card.
 - Zoning- Rolland Bell introduced himself and gave some of his background.
 - Planning Commission- Bill West announced that the commission meeting will be April 14 at 6:00PM.
 - Assessor- None.
 - WTF- Bridget Nodurft stated that the committee is looking into options to have the pollution site cleaned up.
- L. Guest Speaker Scott Schaefer from EGLE.

Schaefer stated that the old county garage next to the township office is an orphaned site so he does not consider any entity to be responsible for the cleanup. The county is going to make a decision on what type of remediation they will undertake. They have 5 different choices and the most likely one will be oxygen injection along with continued monitoring. If the whole site was dug up the cost will be \$100,000 to approximately \$500,000 depending on what they find after starting the process. He stated that there is not any evidence that the site will harm anyone and walking around or using it for a park will not cause any problems.

He believes that the county is not responsible for cleanup because they never actively used the site for a dump so a causal factor cannot be attributed to them.

M. Old Business

Saturn Park- The owner has not budged on his price.

Wilderness Barn Progress- Work has been halted for the time being.

Painting of the Community Center- We have a bid for the painting to be done by Green's painting. Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery to authorize spending up to \$5500 for the building to be painted. Motion carried unanimously by Gomery, Frank Lada, and Sue Lada.

N. New Business

Fireworks- Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery to pay up to \$11,000 for fireworks. There will be an additional cost of \$2000 to build a platform for the display. Motion carried unanimously by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, and Gomery.

Budget Training- Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery to approve \$1565 for BS&A budget training. Motion passed unanimously by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, and Gomery.

O. Land Division- Gomery read a proposed land division out loud for Gary Chopp. The division has been sent to Sharon Kennedy at the county for her approval. After she is done with it, she will send it back to the township.

P. The previous months minutes along with a special meeting minutes were signed and returned to the clerk.

Q. Adjournment- Frank Lada made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gomery seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by Gomery, Frank Lada, and Sue Lads. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.