

Whitefish Township Board Meeting

May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call- Absent: Dick Gratopp. Present: Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Edson Forrester, Glenn Gomery.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Amendments to Agenda- None
- D. Review of Minutes- First by Frank Lada, second by Forrester to approve the April Board meeting minutes and the special meeting minutes. Four ayes approved the minutes.
- E. Clerk's Report- Given by Glenn Gomery. Briefly discussed Wilderness Station budget and total expenses.
- F. Treasurers Report- Given by Sue Lada.
- G. Supervisor's Report- Given by Frank Lada.
- H. Presentation of Bills- Given by Glenn Gomery. The total expenses were \$33,682.48, with \$14,274.26 from expenses and \$19,408.22 from payroll. Motion by Forrester, second by Sue Lada to approve the expenses. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Correspondence/Recognition/Announcements- Frank thanked Dale Graham for his great work cleaning up the buildings. He also thanked Rowland Bell for donating garbage cans to the township.
- J. Public Comment- Mike Cook voiced concern over the growing number of short-term rentals in the area. Other members of the audience also had concerns. Comments from some of the attendees were concerns about noise, violations of the law, general unruliness, and lack of long-term rentals for local workers. The Board agreed that we do not want to turn Paradise into a short-term rental community. It was noted that any short-term rentals must have had the rental unit built by December of 2017. Forrester stated that he planning commission is aware of this date.
- K. Departmental/Committee Reports

Fire Department- Forrester presented the report along with his new employee roster. Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery to approve the new roster. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS-The report was read by Frank Lada with Renee Gray listening in via phone. Gray stated that she wanted the public to know that the money that EMS wanted to donate to Charlie's charity was not public funds.

Custodian-Dale Graham stated that the spring cleanup was going well. The board members stated the grounds decisions are under the purview of the supervisor so Frank Lada told Dale to take a tree down.

Transfer Station- Scott Erickson stated that he has one quote for the installation of a 16x24 cement pad at the station and that he is going to try to get a second quote. Scott is also involved in general yard cleanup at the station. Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery

to install a new gate and sign at the transfer station. The total cost for this work is not to exceed \$700. Motion approved unanimously.

Library- Scott Erickson did not have a comment. Frank Lada stated that the approved occupancy of the library is 120 people. This information was provided by Frank Simms the county building inspector. Forrester noted that we should have one limit for the meeting room and one for the rest of the library.

Zoning Administration- No comment.

OEO- No comment.

Zoning Board of Appeals- No comment.

Planning Commission- Forrester brought up the fact that in May of 2019 a resolution was passed by the Whitefish Township Planning Commission recommending that the Whitefish Township Board review and adopt the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance as provided. He stated that any proceeds from the adoption could be put toward the CCRC cleanup.

Assessor- None.

WFT Committee-Bridget Nodurft stated that there are 5 options to remedy the pollution problems at the old dump site. She wanted the public to know that there are two different issue with the site. One is the dump site itself and the other is the spread of pollutants. There is a special meeting to be held sometime this month with all of the stake holders involved; EGLE, the county, and the township. The final date is yet to be decided.

L. Guest Speaker-None.

M. Old Business

Saturn Park Next Steps-Forrester stated that there is a resolution to spend township money on purchasing additional money with the grant money to buy more land for the park. He recommends that we return to that resolution. He thinks that the resolution was adopted last October. Frank Lada will look up the resolution.

Wilderness Barn Progress- Frank Lada stated that this project makes clear the fact that we need a new policy on Bids and Contracts so there is clarity with who is in charge of different projects. The bill from McGahey was discussed. There was a motion by Forrester, second from Frank Lada to pay the company \$74,000 from GL numbers 101265975 and 206336971. Motion was unanimously carried.

Fireworks-Forrester passed around a flyer that advertised for help with the building of the fireworks platform.

N. New Business

Budget for FYE 2022-Frank Lada stated that he is working on this.

Budget Adjustments for 2021-Frank Lada is working on this.

O. Land Division-Rolland Bell is investigating one.

P. Sign and Return Minutes to Clerk-Done.

Q. Adjournment-Motion by Frank Lada, second by Gomery to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.