

**July 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM**  
**Whitefish Township Board Agenda**

- A. Call to order and roll call- Present were Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Gomery, Gratopp, Forrester. Absent: Nobody.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Amendments to Agenda- Budget adjustments will be added to the agenda. Motion by Frank Lada, second by Sue Lada, to add Budget Adjustment to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Review of Minutes- The minutes from the special meeting on June 15 were not approved and they will have to be rewritten. The minutes from the special meeting on June 22 and the annual board meeting on June 30 were unanimously approved by the board with the motion to approve coming from Forrester with the second from Frank Lada.
- E. Clerks Report- Given by Gomery.
- F. Treasurer's Report- Given by Sue Lada. Sue pointed out that she has saved several hundred dollars by combining tax bills.
- G. Supervisor's Report- The painting of the community building will be completed by July 26.
- H. Presentation of Bills- F. Lada made a motion to pay \$70,979.20 in bills with a second by Forrester. The motion was unanimously passed.
- I. Correspondence/Recognition/Reports- Frank Lada lauded the board for the hard work that was put into the budget process.
- J. Public Comment- Members of the Public expressed concern about the lack of law enforcement in town. Gomery will contact the Sheriff to see if he is willing to enter into a contract with the township. Fire Chief Edson Forrester stated that their search and rescue group can be called to perform an initial search for people who are missing on the township ski trail. If they cannot find the missing person then the county will have to perform a grid search. Forrester could not say whether or not the missing person will be billed for the search due to different variables involved in making that decision.

## K. Departmental/Committee Reports

1. Fire Department- Given by Forrester.
2. EMS- Given by Frank Lada.
3. Custodian- No report given.
4. Transfer Station- Given by Scott Erickson. Scott sought permission from the board to burn brush at the transfer station weather permitting, and only if he obtains the proper permits. Motion by Frank Lada, second by Gomery, to allow the burning with proper permitting, safety equipment, and weather permitting. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Library- Given by Rick Bicknell. He stated that the new Director is Christine Hickman.
6. Zoning Administration- Frank Lada stated that our attorney has advised us not to take action on short-term rentals for 60 days due to the legislature deliberating on the subject right now.
7. OEO- None.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals- None.
9. Planning Commission- Given by Dick Gratopp.
10. Assessor- None.
11. WFT- Bridgett Nodurft stated that she did not have anything new. The committee is waiting for a decision by the county regarding their role in the cleanup.

L. Guest Speaker- Mike Hobbs. Mike stated that the Paradise Community Foundation is willing to aid the township with the CCRC cleanup. He also stated that the foundation can assist donating some money to the issues along with helping with grant writing.

## M. Old Business

1. Saturn Park Project Termination- Frank Lada motioned to call Eastern UP to ask how to approach the DNR regarding not pursuing the Saturn purchase. Lada withdrew the motion when it was decided by the board that he can make the call without a motion.
2. Mountain Stone Agreements- Motion by Frank Lada with second by Gomery to cancel the Mountain Stone Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
3. CCRC Property- Motion by Frank Lada, second by Gomery, to table any discussion about the property until the WTF committee can collect more information. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Road Brining- Frank Lada stated that brining both sides

of the roads and using a 38% solution will quadruple our cost. The board decided increasing the solution will help save our roads. Motion by Forrester, second by Gratopp, to double brine 14 miles of road with a 38% solution. Motion carried unanimously.

N. New Business

1. New Roof for Library- Motion by Frank Lada, second by Gomery, to accept the bid from LaVacque Roofing to fix the roof, with cost not to exceed \$17,000. Motion carried unanimously.
  2. Heat Pumps/AC Units at Library- Motion by Forrester, second by Gratopp, to accept the bid of \$21,415 from Don Earle to install the equipment needed for AC. Estimates were numbered #2093 and #2094. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Concrete Work at the Transfer Station- Frank Lada will work with Lyons Construction on this.
  4. New Sign, Gate, and cable at the Transfer Station- The sign will state, "Whitefish Twp. Residents Only." We need a policy for the transfer station.
  5. Frank Lada stated that we will spend \$2486 on file cabinets in the office.
- O. Budget Amendment- Motion by Forrester, second by Gomery, to move \$2531 from Building and Grounds to the Assessor (\$940), Elections (1008), and Trustee (\$573). Motion carried unanimously.
- P. Land Division- None.
- Q. Sign and Return Minutes to the Clerk- Two out of three were signed.
- R. Adjournment- Motion by Frank Lada, second by Gomery, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously.