

**Unapproved Minutes of the Whitefish Township Board
Special Meeting – May 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Earl Skeans called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present: Earl Skeans, Richard Gratopp, Chris Lucas, Glen Gomery.

Absent: Edson Forrester arrived 12:20

Public in attendance: 2

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Amendments to Agenda: None

D. Public Comment: Township should pay for ES building repair, maintenance and utilities. Joint meeting should be held with Township Board, Planning Commission and ZBA to discuss township. Township should look to fund shift coverage for EMS staff. Increase wages to draw and retain quality skill workers.

E. Special Meeting to discuss 2022/23 budget planning. Edson Forrester arrived 12:20

F. Library budget provided by Library Board.

G. EMS Director Renee Gray: Discussion on EMS funding to provide for acceptable wage to keep providers in the area to respond to emergencies. Several scheduling options was discussed. Discussion included having the township revenue use to fund staffing payrolls. State of Michigan was to allocate funds for EMS employee retention and PPE supplies. Renee discussed upgrades to Technology, replace winter extraction snowmobile/trailer and Truck to pull, 800 mhz radios, training mannequins and living area equipment, staff daytime wages on call night. Building changes also provided in EMS budget documents. (five page attachment #1)

H. Fire Chief Loren Degeler: Discussion on Fire budget included project to insulate, heat and repair driveway at Wilderness Station, Sell current #2 tanker for a larger and more effective vehicle, need for air tanks to be replaced, additional hose and nozzles, with new volunteers additional turnout gear would be needed as well as training needs. Six new fire fighters are signed up for FF2 when the class starts in October.

I. Recommendation made to place funding in line item for re-pavement of parking lot at Center, Saw Mill Creek, Transfer Station. Recommendation made to place some finding to provide for retainment wall Infront of Township property. Projects may take additional years to fully fund.

J. Discussed the need for increased propane during new year along with expected cost increases. Review of usage during 2021/22 total of 8000 gallons used for Community Center (2500fl), Library (1000gl), ES building (5000gl) this includes generators at location. Recommended we complete a pre buy in September 2022 for 8500 gallons with a budget amount of \$2.00 per gallon (\$17,000).

Discussion took place on: Enforcement funding for Township Ordinances, increasing Transfer Station fee schedule, Hall Rental fee structure. Office furniture including fire proof file cabinets.

K. Adjournment: Motion by Gratopp, second by Forrester, to adjourn meeting. 5 yea- 0 nays carried to adjourn meeting at 4:23 p.m.