

**Unapproved Minutes of the Whitefish Township Board
Regular Meeting – September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Skeans called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Earl Skeans, Edson Forrester, Richard Gratopp, Melany Davis, Glenn Gomery.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Amendments to Agenda: Motion by Forrester, second by Skeans to add Covid 19 policy medical review board to agenda. Motion carried 5 yea, 0 na.

C. Review of Regular Minutes August 4, 2022

Motion by Gratopp, second by Skeans, to approve the regular minutes of August 4, 2022, as amended. **Motion carried.**

D. Clerk's Report: Clerk's report received via Clerk Forrester. General election scheduled November 8th; ballots should be in the office September 24th and absentee ballots should be in the mail by October 4th for those requesting. Absentee ballot application are available in the Township office for any others requesting to vote absentee.

Motion by Skeans, second by Davis, to pay bills in the amount of \$\$33,063.32 as presented by Clerk. **Motion carried** 5 yea, 0 na (Attachment #2)

E. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report received via Treasurer Davis. (Attachment #1) Treasurer provided an update from an article in Realtor magazine discussing the rate of inflation and how the Michigan Legislature will be taking action to raise the taxable value of property from 1% to 5% due to inflation. We may see this increase effective 2023

F. Supervisor's report: Supervisor's report received via supervisor Skeans. Public was informed that the Township has position openings for Zoning Board of Appeals, Employee for community center/ Transfer Station. Zoning Administrator may also stepping Down in November if there are candidates of interest.

G. Presentations of Bills: previously motioned and approved.

H. Correspondence:

**Treasurer Davis read correspondence from Paul Quinn addressing the Covid 19 Policy.
(Attachment #3)**

I. Public Comment: Bridget Nordurft spoke of a TAP grant with the Shipwreck Museum to pave the parking lot and the cost increase at the time of construction was 700%. The increased due to the distant asphalt would be hauled caused the project to be canceled. Our road project may require a plant to be established here, that could increase the cost more.

J. Land Division: Christian Fahoome 15750 North Blueberry lane 16-750-072-00. Zoning Board of Appeals is currently scheduling a meeting to review application for variance, no action at this time.

K. Departmental/Committee Reports Fire department report no report.

EMS report from Renee Gray EMS Director, read via Clerk. (attachment #4)

Library report no report.

Zoning Administrator/OEO no report.

Zoning Board of Appeals no meeting August.

Planning Commission report from Scott Erickson read via Trustee Gratopp.

WFT Environmental Clean-up committee receive Bridget Nodurft.

Corridor enhancement Project Committee received by Jon Jasinski

L. Guest Speaker: None

M. Old Business

1. Propane prices: Bids were opened and conveyed by Supervisor Skeans,

Choice Propane \$1.749 per gallon Up Propane \$1.749 per gallon
Bowman Gas \$2.35 per gallon Webster Gardner \$1.499 per gallon
Shute Oil \$1.949 per gallon

Motion by Gratopp, second by Forrester, to accept bid from Webster-Gardner for guarantee price through April 30, 2023 with no pre-buy.

Roll Call: Earl Skeans Y, Edson Forrester Y, Richard Gratopp Y, Melany Davis Y, Glenn Gomery Y.
Motion carried.

2. Resolution for Credit card: Resolution Read by Clerk Forrester.

Motion by Forrester, second by Gomery, to approve Resolution 09012022 as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call: Earl Skeans Y, Edson Forrester Y, Richard Gratopp Y, Melany Davis abstain, Glenn Gomery Y.

3. Master Plan

Motion by Skeans, second by Davis to direct Planning commission as soon as they are complete with the Short term rental moratorium they will work with eastern UP Planning to complete the Master Plan for Whitefish Township.

Roll Call: Earl Skeans Y, Edson Forrester No, Richard Gratopp Y, Melany Davis Y, Glenn Gomery Y.
Motion Carried

New Business

1. Thank you to John Schmidt: John came to the community building during Blueberry Festival and worked on the dishwasher making it acceptable to operate during the festival. It takes people like John and all others that help in the festival to make community events successful. Thank you, John, for handling the emergency call.

2. Employee Wages: Discussion took place on increasing the Township Employee position (Custodian/Transfer Station Manager) to \$18.00. Township would also change the titles and have Township Employee that covers Transfer station, Community Center along with township grounds and maintenance. No action taken at this time.

3. Planning commission appointment

Motion by Forrester, second by Skeans to re-appoint Donald Kalfayan to the Planning Commission, term to expire 9/1/2025. Motion Carries.

Roll Call: Earl Skeans Y, Edson Forrester Y, Richard Gratopp Y, Melany Davis No, Glenn Gomery Y.

4. Accumed Group Billing Rates

Motion by Forrester, Second by Gratopp, to approve Accumed fee authorization billing rates as offered July 20, 2022 and approved by EMS Director Renee Gray. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Earl Skeans Y, Edson Forrester Y, Richard Gratopp Y, Melany Davis Y, Glenn Gomery Y.

Q. Adjournment

Motion by Gratopp, second by Davis, carried to adjourn meeting at 8:18 p.m. carried, 5 yea.