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**WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022**

Location: 7644 Durham Road, Whitehall, MI 49461

- I. Arnold Erb, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. Roll Call:
 - Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
 - Chuck Schmitgal, Trustee □ **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**
- IV. Chuck made a MOTION to approve the Agenda with additions. Madge supported the MOTION. The MOTION was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- V. Chuck made a MOTION to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 25. Arnie supported the MOTION. The MOTION was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- VI. Public Official – None
- VII. Public Comment – None
- VIII. Correspondence
 - A. Thank you from White Lake Senior Center. (**Attachment A**)
 - B. New GMED CEO. (**Attachment B**)
 - C. Consumers Energy Notice of Hearing (**Attachment C**)
 - D. Nationwide Fee updates. (**Attachment D**)
 - E. Pickleball Thank you and update. (**Attachment E**)
- IX. Financial Reports
 - A. General Fund, Sewer Fund, Water Fund and Special Assessment Profit & Loss Reports presented by Sarah. (**Attachment F**)

- B. Sarah made a MOTION to approve paying the following checks:
 - General Fund checks #19196-19242 in the amount of \$24,207.06
 - Sewer Fund checks #4264-4274 in the amount of \$26,383.44
 - Water Fund checks #942-948 in the amount of \$908.08
 - Special Assessment check #10 in the amount of \$22.60 (**Attachment G**)
 Madge supported the MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:
 - Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
 - Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee □ **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**

C. Month End Balance Sheets & Equity (**Attachment H**) were placed on file.

X. Unfinished Business - None

XI. New Business

A. Brian Mulnix reported on the Disc Golf Course. They have leagues on Monday nights April thru September, with an average of 80 players per night. He will let us know of any community days to try it out so we can post it on our website.

B. Ruth Grenell gave an update on the library for the past year (**Attachment I**) and their audit was placed on file. They have a lot of new and exciting things happening there, including a solar wifi picnic table that will be placed here at the township hall.

C. Consumers Energy gave a quote of \$1,500 to replace our lights with energy efficient ones. (**Attachment J**) Chuck made a MOTION to approve and move forward with it. Madge supported the MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:

- Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
- Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee □ **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**

D. Mandie Lee, one of our election workers, has begun filling in as office assistant when Naomi is unavailable. Sarah made a MOTION to approve her. Arnie supported the MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:

- Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
- Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee (REFUSED TO VOTE)**
- **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**

E. Chuck made a motion to approve the purchase of a used filing cabinet for \$100. (**Attachment K**) Arnie supported the MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:

- Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
- Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee □ **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**

F. The clerk & treasurer's computers are very slow and programs cannot run

correctly on them. Chuck made a MOTION to buy new computers for both the clerk and the treasurer, as well as Microsoft Office for both, not to exceed a total of \$2,100. Madge supported the MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:

- Arnold Erb, Supervisor ■ Sarah Sylvester, Clerk ■ Madge Kraai, Treasurer
- Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee □ **Dennis Kroll, Trustee (ABSENT)**

G. Township Property by the Credit Union has received some interest. We will respond that we are open to offers.

H. Attorney Fees Increase – we received a notice from Rachael that her hourly rate will be increasing to \$180 as of June 1. (**Attachment L**) Arnie wasn't sure what her current rate is to compare that to.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Solid Waste Authority – We gave out 61 Pride Day coupons, but we haven't received the bill yet to know how many were turned in.

B. White Lake Ambulance Authority – Voting on their budget for the coming year.

C. White Lake Fire Authority – No Update.

D. Planning Commission – Kathy planted flowers in the sign planter box. Bobby is working with her to rototill. They have been working on the master plan as well as considering the creation of an ORV ordinance.

XIII. Officer's Reports

A. Supervisor – Prein & Newhoff hasn't gotten back to him with a sewer plan proposal. Shoreline Restoration has not reached out anymore. Consumer's Energy contacted him to question if we have a solar ordinance. Working on the master plan documents getting digitized. Our current plan is current until January 2023. We will be updating/changing it by then.

B. Zoning Administrator – Report on file (**Attachment M**)

C. Water/Sewer Administrator – Kelley is retired. (**Attachment N**) Arnie will do it for now to learn it and when it becomes too much, look for someone to fill the position. Madge will do the billing.

D. Clerk – The election went well, although the millage didn't pass. There were 307 voters, 105 in person and 202 absentee. It was a 20% voter turnout. The August election preparation is underway, applications for absentee voters will be out after June 1. The audit is complete, just waiting on their report. The special assessment district annual letter with fund update and notice of lake treatment was sent out.

E. Treasurer – Tax season is starting, organizing everything.

F. Office Worker – Organizing the back room.

XIV. Public Comment – Bruce Froelich – running for county commission in November spoke. There were questions on the land by the credit union, the bushes stolen from Johnson Park, what GEMCO means, Kendra Robinson is running for circuit court judge, and Fusion Fluid thanked us for our support, and looking forward to the June 1 meeting for final approval.

XV. Announcements-

A. Township Board Meeting – June 27 at 4:30pm.

XVI. Adjournment –Chuck made a MOTION to adjourn at 5:40p.m. The MOTION was supported by Madge. The MOTION was passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays.

<u>SIGNATURE ON FILE</u>	<u>6-27-22</u>
Arnold Erb, Supervisor	Date

<u>SIGNATURE ON FILE</u>	<u>6-27-22</u>
Sarah Sylvester, Clerk	Date