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Whitehall Township

7644 Durham Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2023 @ 4:30 pm

I. Call to Order - 4:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Arnie Erb

III. Roll Call

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Present
Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Present
Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Present
Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Present
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

IV. Approval of Agenda April 24, 2023

Motion made by Dennis to approve the agenda

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes
Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes
Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes
Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

V. Approval of the April 24, 2023 Township Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Dennis to approve the board meeting minutes

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes
Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes
Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

Approval of the May 10, 2023 Township Board Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Dennis to approve the board special meeting minutes

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes
Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes
Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes
Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

VI. Public Official. Senator Jon Bumstead

VII. Public Comment - None at this time

VIII. Correspondence

A. Conservation District, Notice of Controlled Burn. - Lorensen Rd. and also Benston Rd.

B. Local officials' views on Michigan's direction and state leaders' performance, from the Spring 2023 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

IX. Financial Reports

A. Clerk - General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Fund Profit and Loss Reports - on file

B. Clerk - Paying the General Fund, the Sewer, and the Water Fund bills
General Fund Check #19748 - #19805 in the amount of \$35,189.41
Sewer Fund Check #4411 - #4421 in the amount of \$871.06
Water Fund Check #1036 - #1043 in the amount of \$145.08
SA Crystal Lake (Owassippe Lake) No Activity

Motion made Ilene to pay the bills in the amounts listed above

2nd by: Dennis

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes
Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes
Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes
Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

C. Treasurer - Month End Reports. – Reports on file. Also \$25,000 has been earmarked for the resurfacing of the Pickle Ball Courts and there is still \$5,300 from the

Senior Milage.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Amy Vanloon present Membership of Chamber of Commerce.

Motion made by Dennis to join the Chamber of Commerce

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes

Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes

Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes

Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

B. Mowing at Leaf & Brush Station. - Estimate given by Prime Seasons of \$200.00 for cleanup and \$80.00 for mowing. Presently the cleanup has been done as Community Service Credits by a High School girl.

Board decided to pass at this time for contracting the work out.

C. White River Light Station Sign. - Nothing to report at this time.

XI. New Business

A. Ruth Grenell and Charles Ayres will present information about the library.

Charles was not present. Ruth made the presentation for the library and introduced Virginia DeMumbrum as the Library Director. Ruth left a copy of the Library Audit with the township Supervisor. Three Wifi hub hooks have been installed around town. One at the library, one behind Fetch's on at the Whitehall Township Hall. The library was requested to label their books with a censorship rating much like the Movie theaters. That did not pass. The White Lake library has classes for all ages and a play area for the children. They also have a seed catalog where you can get seeds and donate seeds for the garden. Even guest authors speak at the library.

B. Dave Schultz present Option for Repair to Silver Creek Dam. - The Dam owned by Scott Webster on Silver Creek Pond. He is asking for support in the form of a Resolution drawn up by the township. He states it will raise the static water level of the pond which aid in the environmental impact, control the lamprey, aid in the improvement of the property value surrounding the pond. He will be looking into a Spark Grant for a portion of the funding and also Special Assessments of the residents surrounding the pond.

Motion made by Dennis to support this project in the form of a written resolution

2nd by: Ilene

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes

Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes

Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes

Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

C. Pave Parking Lot. - Hold until next month's meeting

D. Assessing Contract. - Contract Renewal

Motion made by Dennis to renew assessing contract

2nd by: Ilene

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes

Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes

Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes

Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

E. Recommendation to Appoint Kristine Jordahl to ZBA. -

Motion made by Dennis to appoint Kristine Jordahl to the Zoning Board.

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes

Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes

Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes

Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

XII. Committee Reports

Arnie - Solid Waste Transfer Station - Nothing to report at this time

Chuck - White Lake Ambulance Authority - Not Present

Dennis - White Lake Fire Authority - Nothing to report at this time

Madge - Planning Commission - Working on Ordinances

Arnie - Parks & Recreation - Nothing new at this time. Looking into making upgrades with ARPA Monies

XIII. Officer's Reports

Supervisor - Arnold Erb - Benston Road east of Whitehall Road is scheduled to be fixed.
Wiczer Road will be scheduled next year.

Water - Sewer Administrator - Arnold Erb - Continue Water and Sewer Agreement with the City of Whitehall

Zoning Administrator - Rachael Novak - on file

Clerk - Ilene Nichols - Purchase of new EcoTank ET4800 Printer for Clerks Office

Motion made by Ilene to purchase new printer

2nd by: Madge

Dennis Kroll, Trustee - Yes

Madge Kraai, Treasurer - Yes

Arnie Erb, Supervisor - Yes

Ilene Nichols, Clerk - Yes

Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee - Absent

Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

Treasurer - Madge Kraai – Working on tax bills and milage numbers
Office – CatchMark will be running an update on the files making the system more organized and the files more easily accessible. Connor will be available for when the staff returns the first of the week for questions and help.

XIV. Public Comment –



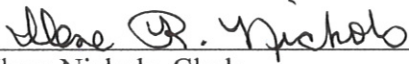
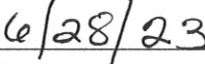
Senator Jon Bumstead stopped in to say hello. He gave out his business cards and his cell phone number 231-250-0654. He encouraged us to call him directly. He also stated that his office would be happy to help us with grant writing. He suggested we contact Andrew in his office.

Sondra Cross presented for Chamber Music Program. She is the Director of the Chamber Music Festival which is August 5 thru the 19th. She handed out the schedule of events and invited us to attend the festival.

XV. Announcements

- A. Workshop Meeting - June 22, 2023 at 10:00
- B. Township Board Meeting – June 26, 2023 at 4:30pm.

XVI. Adjournment Motion made by: Madge
2nd by: Ilene
Motion carried 4 Yeah 0 Nay

 _____ Arnold Erb, Supervisor	 _____ Date
 _____ Ilene Nichols, Clerk	 _____ Date