



Whitehall Township

7644 Durham Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461 Board Workshop Meeting Minutes Oct. 10, 2023 @ 10:00 am

- I. Arnold Erb, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: Arnold Erb, Supervisor; Connie Bonner, Treasurer; Ilene Nichols, Clerk; Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee; Dennis Kroll, Trustee
- IV. Dennis made a MOTION to approve the Agenda. Connie supported the MOTION. The MOTION was passed with 5 **ayes** and 0 **nays**.
- VII. Public Comment none present.
- VIII. Correspondence. none.

XI. Items for Discussion

- A. Arnie explained process of paying bills, some being pre-approved at the budget meeting. Looked at items in the General Fund Motion. Some items will be looked at for clarity at the next budget meeting
- B. Reviewed ARPA spending & Pickleball Donations. Some large donations are expected in the near future. Discussed naming courts to recognize donors. Also discussed replacing wood on a couple benches by south pickleball court, remove wood, replace in the spring. Replace some picnic tables with new ones, some are loose and need tightening.
- C. Leaf & Brush Station, Repairs & Operation. Arnie presented the current invoice from White Lake Excavating and previous years invoices for clean out of the facility. Discussed the condition of the facility. Invoice from White Lake Excavating for clean out should be paid before damages to facility are repaired. Check with transfer station to see if they would be willing to collect leaf & brush. Dennis suggested moving leaf & brush to a new location.
- D. Disc Golf. Discussed giving picnic tables from the township park to disc golf when the township purchases new ones. Also would like a detailed list of items with pricing for disc golf improvements.
 - E. Water Contract with City of Whitehall. Reviewed proposed contract. Only a few items

have changed from the previous 25 year contract. Would like it to be a 15 year contract. City will be the exclusive provider of water, not preferred to be in the contract but is acceptable. Discussion about the charge of water to township customers at 2 times the city rate. It covers some of the City's costs of maintenance including fire hydrant maintenance. Eliminated hydrant fees. Have attorney check the wording under section "Restrictions Concerning Water Customers" regarding new customers if 313,000 gallons per day average is exceeded.

F. White Lake Fire Authority, Articles of Incorporation. Dennis reported the City of Whitehall won't vote on the new Articles until after the November election. The new Articles will be a 15 year agreement. Page 4 paragraph 4 says need 5 votes for approvals, should be simple majority. Page 9 Article 14, if any new members join the Authority the should have equal representation. Referring to possibly Blue Lake Township.

G. How much guard rail is available. Connie reported whatever we need for a project.

XV. Announcements

- A. Lake Level Management for Silver Creek Pond Meeting, Oct. 10, 2023 at 6:00pm.
- B. Township Board Meeting Oct. 23, 2023 at 4:30pm.

XVI. Adjournment. Dennis made a MOTION to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. MOTION was supported by Connie. MOTION was passed: 5 **ayes** and 0 **nays**.

Arnold Erb, Supervisor

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