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**Whitehall Township**  
**7644 Durham Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2023 @ 4:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- ✓ Dennis Kroll – Trustee
- ✓ Madge Kraai – Treasurer
- ✓ Arnie Erb – Supervisor
- ✓ Ilene Nichols – Clerk
- ✓ Chuck Schmitgal – Trustee

All Board Members Present

IV. Approval of Agenda April 24, 2023

Motion made by: Dennis

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Chuck with the following additions

Under Unfinished business

- B. Montague Coupons
- C. Water Contract with the City
- D. Lighthouse Sign
- E. Leaf and Brush Contract
- F. Pickle Ball Courts
- G. Door for the Deputy Clerks Room

Under New Business

- G. White River
- H. Trees

- ✓ Dennis Kroll – Trustee
- ✓ Madge Kraai – Treasurer
- ✓ Arnie Erb – Supervisor
- ✓ Ilene Nichols – Clerk
- ✓ Chuck Schmitigal – Trustee All in favor – Motion Carried

V. Approval of the March 27, 2023 Township Board Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by: Dennis

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Chuck

- ✓ Dennis Kroll – Trustee
- ✓ Madge Kraai – Treasurer
- ✓ Arnie Erb – Supervisor
- ✓ Ilene Nichols – Clerk
- ✓ Chuck Schmitigal – Trustee Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

VI. Public Official. Kim Cyr - Presentation on the Townships writing resolutions concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights

VII. Public Comment -

Michael Graft Asked for clarification on which portion of Benston Road is to be repaired.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. ORV Ordinance Notice, Blue Lake Twp. – Public Hearing May 11th
- B. Charter Communications – Upcoming changes – Reduction in fees
- C. Nationwide Fees. – Plan as been updated with changes
- D. Draft - Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center and Whitehall Township will hold a public meeting on a proposed water system. – Public Meeting/Mill Pond Trail

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

Motion made by Ilene to pay the following:

- General Fund checks 19710 – 19757 in the amount of \$18,267.20
- Sewer Fund checks 4401 – 4410 in the amount of \$8,889.08
- Water Fund Checks 1031 – 1035 in the amount of \$70.82
- SA Crystal Lake (Owassippe Lake) No checks written

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Kroll

- ✓ Dennis Kroll – Trustee
- ✓ Madge Kraai – Treasurer
- ✓ Arnie Erb – Supervisor
- ✓ Ilene Nichols – Clerk
- ✓ Chuck Schmitgal – Trustee    Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

C. Treasurer - Month End Reports -Treasurer Balance Sheets are on file

Report of ARPA funds -\$25,000 ear marked and \$159,585.56 discussed at previous workshop, but yet to be specifically allocated.

Report on Senior Millage -White Lake Senior Center check was sent for \$2,000 and Farmer's Market \$3,300 to be paid. \$ 5,300 remaining and has been considered to go towards Farmer's Market coupons if we run out due to success. Arnie also has a White Lake Senior Center update to consider with our remaining Senior Millage money or for future allocating.  
-Arnie shares that residents can go to the Senior Center and get passes for the VAC. This way we can still provide senior residents the opportunity to go to the VAC with senior millage dollars.

**X. Unfinished Business**

- A. White River Light Station, Informational Sign. – where they wanted put the sign was denied. Checking with zoning. Chuck did research on location of White Lake Dr. and Whitehall Rd. and spoke to Virginia at the Library who was not in favor of splitting costs of sign sharing. Possible location would be by the woods. (Pictures shared supporting possible sign location)
- B. Montague Coupons – Hand delivering the check and picking up the coupons on Tuesday 4/25/2023
- C. Water Contract with the City – Nothing is happening here at this time.
- D. Lighthouse Sign -Shared in detail during point A discussion.
- E. Leaf and Brush Contract – As needed. Chuck wants the extra mowing under contract. Quote still to be looked into.
- F. Pickle Ball Courts – Boost donations since there is a lot of funds still needing to be raised. G. Door for the Deputy Clerks Room – price on wall with door approximately \$2,500.

**XI. New Business**

- A. White Lake Flooring invoice for carpeting meeting room. – Final Bill Paid  
Madge suggested door mats for winter to keep the new carpeting looking nice. She also suggested a yearly carpet cleaning to maintain our investment.
- B. Claire Schlaff present CEIC letter of support. – would like to ask the board to sign a Letter of support to apply for a grant to help with the clean up of the former Dupont property and the testing and cleanup of Sadony's Bayou. Dennis made the Motion to Support this community project Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion

Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nay - Letter signed

C. Becky Henderson Pickleball Bleachers. Came before the board to ask permission to add Folding bleachers to the Pickleball courts inside the fencing.

Chuck made the motion that it is fine with the board

Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion Motion

Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nay

D. Recommendation to Approve MCRC road repairs, Benston Rd & Wiczer Dr.

Budgeted under road repairs. \$25,000 Benson Road 16,000 Wiczer Drive

Dennis made the motion to accept the county's offer to help repair the roads.

Ilene 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion

Next year considering a special assessment for road repairs.

Roll Call Voting

- ✓ Dennis Kroll – Trustee
- ✓ Madge Kraai – Treasurer
- ✓ Arnie Erb – Supervisor
- ✓ Ilene Nichols – Clerk
- ✓ Chuck Schmitigal – Trustee Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

E. Discussion of Returning as Members of the Chamber of Commerce. \$263.00 annual fees. Discussion – Will be on the agenda for next month.

F. Recommendation to Advertise for Employee for Public Works. – asking for input

G. White River Township – Solar Panels – Chuck would like to make a motion that we have no opinion on what goes on in White River township. Madge 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

H. Dead trees behind the pickleball courts. Dennis volunteered to take the trees down.

## XII. Committee Reports

Arnie – Solid Waste Transfer Station – meeting last week. Cost are down, revenues are down. Decided not to raise the prices on couches and mattresses.

Chuck - White Lake Ambulance Authority – Budget for next year – thinking on lowering charges. Ambulance chassis is in and they are working on it. Purchased a new cardiac monitor. Looking for a new billing company. Pay incentives to employees this year. They did not receive one last year.

Dennis - White Lake Fire Authority – recognition of fire fighters ice rescue saved a couple of lives. Worked on the articles of incorporation to be discussed soon.

Madge – Planning Commission Scott Erdman is in the process of appealing the denied Special Use permit that took place at March 2024 meeting. A new business in White Lake Center

named BRGH is opening soon and is a liquidation business. Seems like a good addition because of the positive reviews they have received and great customer service they offer.

Arnie - Parks & Recreation – nothing new that we have not already discussed.

XIII. Officer's Reports

Supervisor - Arnold Erb - Report goes along with water and sewer

Water - Sewer Administrator Arnold Erb – Crystal Downs is quite a bit behind on their payments. They will be receiving a notice and hope they can work on getting caught up

Zoning Administrator - Rachael Novak – Nothing new at this time.

Clerk - Ilene Nichols – Printer request presentation

Treasurer - Madge Kraai – Contribution to the fireworks committee purchases 20 minutes of the fireworks show.

Office – Mandie needs to have the software on her computer upgraded.

XIV. Public Comment - **with regards to non-agenda items only**

Michael Graft – inquired on what could be done to lower the speed limits on Easy Street. Also inquired about recycling cost. He wonders what the incentive to recycle is if we have to pay for it. – Chuck stated that he would look into this matter.

Juice silently handed out packets for each board member except Madge which was given at the previous Planning Commission meeting.

XV. Announcements A. Township Board Meeting – May 22, 2023 at 4:30pm.


XVI. Adjournment –

Motion to Adjourn made by: Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by: Chuck

Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays

  
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Arnold Erb, Supervisor

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Ilene R. Nichols, Clerk

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