



APPROVED J.M.

**Whitehall Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.**  
7644 Durham Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461

- I. Arnie Erb, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:  
Present: Arnie Erb, Supervisor; Connie Bonner, Treasurer; Ilene Nichols, Clerk;  
Chuck Schmitigal, Trustee; Dennis Kroll, Trustee  
Absent: none
- IV. Approval of Agenda Chuck made a MOTION to approve the Agenda. Dennis supported MOTION. The MOTION was passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.
- V. Approval of previous meeting minutes-Dennis made a MOTION to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2024, and the Budget Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2025, as written. Chuck supported MOTION. The MOTION was passed with ROLL CALL vote.  
Ayes: Chuck Schmitigal, Dennis Kroll, Arnie Erb, Connie Bonner, Ilene Nichols  
Nays:
- VI. Public Official –Kim Cyr, County Commissioner, reported there are some new changes going on with the county concerning Consumers Energy adding a solar farm, talks of improving road taxes on all drivers not just the gasoline run vehicles and the airport received bids for new short distance airline carriers.  
Steve Salter, Whitehall City Mayor, reported that the city’s budget meeting is later this week. Warner Rd is beginning to be rebuilt.
- VII. Public Comment – none
- VIII. Correspondence  
A. An email from the state of Michigan confirmed that Whitehall Township’s Five-Year Recreation Plan was approved (**Attachment A**)
- IX. Financial Reports  
A. General Fund, Sewer Fund, Water Fund and Special Assessment Fund Profit & Loss Reports on record from Ilene.  
B. Dennis made a MOTION to approve paying the following bills:  
General Fund checks #20287-20334 in the amount of \$23,214.82(**Attachment B**)  
Sewer Fund checks #4557-4574 in the amount of \$27,894.93(**Attachment C**)  
Water Fund checks #1123-1128 in the amount of \$2454.32(**Attachment D**)

Special Assessment Fund checks #12-16 in the amount of \$1,082.70(**Attachment E**)  
Connie supported MOTION. The MOTION carried with a ROLL CALL vote:  
Ayes: Connie Bonner, Chuck Schmitigal, Arnie Erb, Ilene Nichols, Dennis Kroll  
Nay: None

C. Balance Sheets (**Attachment F**) were presented by Connie. Two certificates of Deposit matured and were cashed out to be moved to MiClass for covering the sewer pump station rebuild. One checking account originally for a future skate park was closed out to be used on the current township park.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Estimate from Prein & Newhof for flow meter to possibly be added into Pump Station #1 rebuild (**Attachment G**)

Dennis made a MOTION to approve the \$2500 estimate for engineering cost for the flow meter. Chuck seconded the MOTION. The MOTION was passed with a ROLL CALL vote.

Aye: Chuck Schmitigal, Ilene Nichols, Arnie Erb, Connie Bonner, Dennis Kroll  
Nay: none

B. Allocation of Senior Millage Funds

Options for allocation of the remainder of the funds was discussed. Board members tried to negotiate with the Whitehall Viking Athletic Center (VAC) about changing the possible future contribution designated to them and the VAC continues to hold hard and fast to being given all the Township's Senior Millage funds which is not economical to taxpayers, it is not in the board's best interest to allocate money to the VAC. The township has had no further communication or negotiations from the VAC.

Dennis made a MOTION to approve using the funds for Farmer's Market Coupons (**\$3,987.50**), Senior Center (**\$3,980.50**) and \$1000 to each of the three area churches which hold food banks(**White Lake United Methodist, Lebanon Lutheran, and White Lake Congregational**). Connie supported MOTION. The MOTION was passed with a ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: Connie Bonner, Chuck Schmitigal, Arnie Erb, Ilene Nichols, Dennis Kroll  
Nay: none

XI. New Business

A. Fire Authority Millage Replacement for previous millage from Pete McCarthy, WLFA Chief, who was present for explanation and questions (**Attachment H**)

Dennis made a MOTION to support the request for the replacement millage. Chuck seconded the MOTION. The MOTION was passed with 5 ayes and 0 nay.

B. MOTION to approve the Move Money: Budget Amendment (**Attachment I**) was made by Dennis. The MOTION was seconded by Chuck and passed with a ROLL CALL vote.

Ayes: Connie Bonner, Chuck Schmitigal, Arnie Erb, Ilene Nichols, Dennis Kroll  
Nay:

C. Office Assistant Wage Increase

Arnie made a recommendation to increase Mandie Lee, Office Assistant, wages to \$18 per hour. Dennis made a MOTION to approve. The MOTION was seconded by Chuck. The MOTION was passed with a ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: Chuck Schmitigal, Arnie Erb, Ilene Nichols, Connie Bonner, Dennis Kroll  
Nay: none

- D. Contract from Prime Seasons for lawn maintenance in 2024. **(Attachment J)**  
Dennis made a MOTION to approve the 2024 contract. Chuck supported MOTION. The MOTION was passed with a ROLL CALL vote:  
Ayes: Arnie Erb, Connie Bonner, Chuck Schmitgal, Ilene Nichols, Dennis Kroll  
Nay:
- E. Muskegon County Road Commission 2024 Brine Agreement. **(Attachment K)**  
Chuck made a MOTION to approve the agreement. Dennis supported MOTION. The MOTION was passed with a ROLL CALL vote:  
Ayes: Chuck Schmitgal, Ilene Nichols, Arnie Erb, Connie Bonner, Dennis Kroll  
Nay:
- F. Quote from CatchMark for an updated phone service and equipment through them.  
The board decided to table the quote until an update is needed.
- G. Preventative Maintenance Agreement from Boardwell for the furnaces and A/C units.  
The board tabled agreement until possible future need.

## XII. Committee Reports

- A. Solid Waste Transfer Station- Spring Clean Up day is coming up in April.
- B. White Lake Ambulance Authority-Financial reports on file
- C. White Lake Fire Authority-no meeting this last month
- D. Planning Commission- approved a special use permit, updating master plan.
- E. Parks & Recreation-gathering prices for cement work in park, Rivers ACE Hardware agreed to donate additional funds for pickleball court work and Arnie filed an application for a grant from Howmet.

## XIII. Officer's Reports

- A. Supervisor-Leaf & Brush Station will open April 2 by Doug Benson and Christina Jackson
- B. Water & Sewer Administrator-County has been answering questions concerning Mill Pond water.
- C. Zoning Administrator – Report on file **(Attachment L)**
- D. Clerk-nothing new
- E. Treasurer-tax season ended Feb 29.
- F. Office- new computer set to be installed March 26

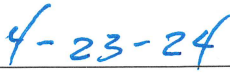
## XIV. Public Comment-none

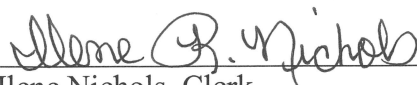
XV. Announcements

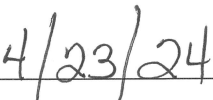
A. Regular Board Meeting is April 22, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

XVI. Adjournment – Dennis made a MOTION to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. The MOTION was supported by Chuck. The MOTION was passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

  
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Arnie Erb, Supervisor

  
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Ilene Nichols, Clerk

  
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