

**Whitewater Township Board**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 11, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Board members present: Benak, Boyd, Hockin, Hubbell and Lake

Board members absent: None

Others present: County Commissioner Inman, Sgt. Drogowski, Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers and 10 others.

Supervisor Lake recognized citizen Vaughn Harshfield for his contributions to various committees and his interest in the workings of township government.

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

The agenda was adjusted as discussed.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Hearing**

None.

**Receive and File**

1. Emergency Services Committee draft special meeting minutes 4/14/10 and 4/27/10
2. Election Commission Meeting minutes of 04/12/10
3. Supervisor's report for April 2010
4. Clerk's report for April 2010
5. Planning/Zoning Administrator's report for April 2010
6. Planning/Zoning Administrator's End of Year Summary Report for 2009/2010

**Correspondence**

1. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Service Statistics for April 2010
2. Grand Traverse County Road Commission minutes of 3/24/10 regular meeting
3. Grand Traverse County Administrator's Update: Records Management System, Health Services Building, Budget, Budgeting for Outcomes, Labor Negotiations, School Police Liaison Officer
4. A 5/1/10 letter from Charter Communications: Changes to the management structure
5. A May 20, 2010 notice of Farm Market GAAMP Training offer by Northwest Council of Governments
6. A 4/30/10 Thank you from the United States Dept. of Commerce: Census Training Site Use
7. Recycle Smart Upcoming Events: Brush Drop-Off Site, Seeking volunteers, DTE Energy Green Day, Household Hazardous Waste & Pesticide Collection
8. Grand Traverse County Drain Commission Permit Fee Schedule: effective 10/1/09

## **Reports/Presentations/Announcement/Comments**

### **Sheriff Department Report**

Sgt. Drogowski reviewed the statistics for the month of April.

### **County Commissioner**

- Updated the board on the discussions regarding the septage treatment plant and the proposed fee for septic systems.
- Solid Waste Ad Hoc Committee meeting on 5/26/10 at 1 p.m. at the Governmental Center. Box Osterhout will give a report on the findings of the committee.
- Resource Recovery: Solid Waste Agreement expires on 12/31/10. Issues re: land fill surcharge and recycling to be discussed.
- Working on County Administrator's contract.
- Will be having a joint meeting with the Library Board re: Administrative Fee as reported last month.

Lake asked about incentive for Rural pumping. Inman was unable to give any information.

### **Fire Chief/Ambulance Coordinator Report**

The report was given by James Domagalski.

- Fire runs are slow-there was a 5 acre brush fire caused by a campfire not properly extinguished.
- Rural received a Federal grant for new air-packs; all units will receive them.
- Working on farm plans.
- Ambulance has been slow-ALS run on Old M72 that City Fire Engine 2 responded for.
- Would like to move some members to Limited Advanced Life Support-Specialist level. There are grants available for the training.
- Would like decision from the Board on lights & sirens.

Boyd thanked the EMS personnel for their assistance on Clean Up Day.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve minutes 04/13/10 regular, and 04/19/10 special meetings
2. Approve Alden State Bank vouchers #32587-32677; Alden State Bank Miami Beach voucher #1092

Moved by Benak, seconded by Boyd, to approve the consent calendar items. **Motion approved 5-0.**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Water Agreement with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Update**

Lake reported that Jon Anderson is under contract to manage the water project. A tour of the water treatment plant at Turtle Creek is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. School and township board officials are invited to attend.

#### **Rental Request (Richard Loose) Update**

Lake reported that the closing on the Leedy/Burleson purchase has been moved to 7/30/10 and the renter (Loose) must be out of the home by the closing date.

## **New Business**

### **Grant Proposals**

#### 1. GTB 2% grant-June Cycle

Several possibilities were discussed.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to apply for grant funding for ALS-Specialist level training for EMS personnel and for cemetery fencing. **Motion approved 5-0.**

#### 2. Fire Department

Included in motion above.

#### 3. Community Growth Grant

Zoning/Planning Administrator Meyers presented information on a grant that is available. This would be a “people to people” program. Meyers would like to involve all of the communities in the Chain-o-Lakes area. Meyers described a downstate program that she was involved in and would like to form an affiliate steering group in this area.

There was considerable discussion of the grant that was being presented.

Cheryl Walton, no address given, state that the private sector should be involved in this grant, not government.

Additional information is needed before a decision can be made.

### **Resolution #10-14, Resolution in Support of Online Public Notice**

Hockin reported that an identical Resolution had been approved by the Governmental Clerks Association in Grand Traverse County and forwarded to legislators. She also stated that considerable money could be saved if this legislation is put into law.

Moved by Benak, seconded by Boyd, to adopt Resolution #10-14, Resolution in Support of Online Public Notice. Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Boyd, yes; Hockin, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lake, yes.

**Motion approved and resolution declared adopted.**

A true and complete copy of said resolution is attached to the minutes.

### **Planning/Zoning Administrator Contract**

Lake presented the contract which is a continuation of the existing contract.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Hubbell, to extend the contract with Leslie Meyers, Planning/Zoning Administrator. **Motion approved 5-0.**

### **Whitewater Township Park Vehicle Replacement**

The current truck at the Township Park is not road worthy and is essential to perform park operations of moving brush, pine needles, logs and picnic tables. Hockin has asked Lake to assist in evaluation of vehicles to replace the current vehicle.

Moved by Benak, seconded by Boyd, to approve up to \$6,000 for the purchase of a used truck to be used at the Township Park. **Motion approved 5-0.**

### **Proposal for Update of Tax Maps**

Hockin reported talking to Rudy of Great Lakes Mapping who has updated the maps in the past and also to Laurie Spencer from Grand Traverse County Equalization about the updating. Not enough information is available at this time to make a decision.

### **Action on Emergency Services Committee Recommendations**

Recommendations from the emergency services committee were discussed. It was the consensus that attorney Fahey should review the Inter-Governmental Agreement and then for the process set forth in the agreement.

Lake reported Rural Chief Sedlacek is putting together an estimate of the value of the equipment.

### **Liability Insurance Annual Update**

Olson was attending another meeting and had not arrived at the time this was discussed. Hockin updated the board on the proposal stating that the increase was the additional amount for the Fire Chief vehicle and was the same amount added to the contract last summer.

Moved by Hubbell, seconded by Boyd, to accept the Municipal Underwriters of Michigan (MUM), Par Plan insurance proposal. **Motion approved 5-0.**

### **Public Comment**

Lois MacLean, 5919 Linderleaf Ln.

- Commends Leslie for wanting to do project as a volunteer. It is positive for the community.

Cheryl Walton, 4995 Buck Ln.

- Charity does not belong in government. Meyers does not need authorization from the township board for something she is doing as a volunteer.

Kim Halstead, 7923 Cook Rd.

- No new special assessments. Designate cell tower monies exclusively for ambulance.

Tim Shaffer, 5309 Moore Rd.

- Reminded the board that governmental purchasing is available for replacement of the park vehicle.
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### **Announcements**

Next regular meeting is on 6/8/10.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hockin, clerk