

~~Unapproved~~ **Approved January 9th Township Board Meeting**

Call to order: Supervisor Forrester called meeting to order at 7:pm

Roll Call: Bean yes, Gomery yes, Roach yes, Skeans yes, Forrester yes

Pledge of allegiance

Amendments to the agenda: none

Review of minutes: December 5th board meeting minutes needs to be fixed Scott Erickson he is appointed to board of review for two-year term not one. His term is 2025-2026. Motion by Gomery second by Forrester all in favor? Motion passes 5-0

Clerks Report: W2's has been sent out and tax year 2024 is set to close. Tax bills paid and received 3 checks from IRS for passed fines and penalties.

Treasurers Report: Winter tax bills are fully underway and a lot have been coming in. Some errors happened but are getting fixed.

Supervisor report: Furnace is going to get replaced with Great Lakes Service. Phone system installed and updated.

Presentation of bills: Payroll for December was 44,822.91 Bills for December was 52,341.49 Grand total of 97,164.40. Motion by Roach to approve the bills for December second by Gomery. All in favor say Aye Motion carries 5-0

Correspondence/Recognition/Announcements: Saturday January 25th will be a fundraiser held for Ashley Hazlett who is a wonderful person in our community and we all will come together and help her.

Public Comment: Renee Gray asked why our garbage bill is so high. Supervisor Forrester said issues at the transfer station with a semi and no driver but Jeff our transfer station manager is working hard to get it fixed.

Fire Department: no report

EMS: EMS Director Renee Gray issued the report.

NEMSA: Drummond Island has joined NEMSA

Library: no report

Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting February 3rd

Blight Enforcement: No Report Earl Skeans term as blight enforcement has expired on November 20th

Planning Commission: Planning met 7:00pm on January 8th and approved 5 short term rentals. One more for March 19th meeting. Also meeting in March things will move along and get approved for the master plan. Review period for master plan is now open and variety of ways to contact us. Also, there is some internet propoganda making accusations of the Townships master plan. It's a misunderstanding by the writers the Township is following all guidelines set by Michigan Enactment Act.

Guest Speaker: None

Old Business: Board vacancy; Ordinance Enforcement, ZBA and Alternates and Board of Review vacancies

New Business:

Township Credit card for Treasurer Bean Motion by Forrester to get Treasurer Bean a credit card from Soo Coop. Second by Roach all in favor? 5-0 motion carries

Approve Treasurer to take the Central savings money that was transferred to the Soo coop account and place it in a Certificate of Deposit Motion by Forrester second by Roach to approve this transfer of 135,000?? second by Skeans This money will be held for the TAP Grant. All in favor 5-0 Motion carries.

Merging Fire and EMS accounts to the Whitefish Township General account at Soo Coop Treasurer Bean makes the motion to merge accounts second by Roach all in favor 5-0 motion carries.

Fireworks Schedule July 4th 2025: 12,000 is needed and fireworks need to be ordered Township has to approve the permit there is public donated money of 3,000 dollars and asking for guidance so its an even split between Township 3,000.00 Donated money 3,000.00 and Tourism Council 3,000.00 and Chamber of Commerce 3,000.00. Township will appoint Supervisor Forrester to talk with the different agencies and also get the rider for our insurance. Motion by Gomery to let Township donate 3,000.00 for Fireworks and let Supervisor Forrester to spear head this. Second by Roach all in favor 5-0 motion carries

Budget Adjustments: Tabled until next meeting

Motion to adjourn: Treasurer Bean makes a motion to Adjourn at 7:38 pm all in favor 5-0 motion carries meeting is adjourned.