

Minutes for Whitefish Township Regular Meeting

May 14th 2026

Call to order 7pm

Members of public: 10

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda: Supervisor added 12 Generator contract under new business and 13 Hiring auditor Cambridge

Review of Minutes: Motion by Gomery second by Skeans to approve minutes for April 9th Meeting all in favor 5 yes 0 no motion carried

Clerks Report: Election went well had a small turnout and the Mileage did pass Whitefish had 165 voters total 90 yes 75 no. EUPISD will reimburse us for election costs in amount of 2332.30 that's generally what an election costs to run.

Treasures Report: Getting ready for summer taxes.

Supervisors Report: Report was read and given in written statement and will be uploaded to website under documents.

Presentation of bills: Payroll for April was 47,294.36 bills for April was 39,990.94 for total of 87,285.30. Motion by Gomery second by Skeans to pay the bills and payroll of April in amount of 87,285.30. Roll call Skeans yes, Gomery yes, Bean yes, Roach yes, Forrester yes.

Correspondence/recognition/Announcements: Secretary of state mobile van will be at the Township Hall on May 28th so if anyone needs anything please show up.

Public Comment: Janeen Hall spoke about the AI Data Center and Bitcoin farms that are popping up around the country and how they are getting uncomfortably close to us. She gave the board a handout stating the hazards of this and also how they destroy the land in these areas.

Bridget Nodurft spoke on the CCRC property and how the cleanup may cost the township and the citizens of whitefish a huge burden. She recommends that the board review the matter more closely. **Mr. Timmer** talked about the calcium chloride and how it helps to keep the road together. The township would have to repair the road without. **Debbie Skeans** talked about the 250th celebration 1624 was raised purchases flags and wall banner for outside of building. Last fundraiser is the 23rd and the yard sales are going on in the town. Debbie wants to have a yard sale within the town hall on the 23rd of May Motion by Forrester to let Debbie do a yard sale inside the community center on the 23rd second by Gomery all in favor 5 yes 0 no motion carries. She also wanted permission to let people set up yard sale tables in the parking lot that day also Motion by Forrester second by Gomery to allow tables set up in the parking lot with things for sale all in favor 5 yes 0 no motion carries. **Doug Smith** says thanks for the 800 radios. Fire crew is exceptional and professional.

Fire Department: No report given

EMS: Report given and read and will be uploaded to the website under documents

Motion by Roach to approve the MFR/EMR education program in amount of 8270.00 support by Bean All in favor 5 yes 0 no motion carries

Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing to report

Planning Commission: Special Meeting to look at data mining and bitcoin farming

Monthly workshop: Addressed in EMS monthly report

Wilderness Station Update: Closing on the building on the 26th of May and Gomery states everyone has an ideal what to do or build and we should just hang on to our portion of the money. Also, EMS and Fire have their own budget if they want a building, they can fund it themselves.

Data Center and Bitcoin: Was already discussed

July 4th event: Paradise area Chamber of Commerce will donate 3500.00 for fireworks received a check last night from Paradise area Tourism Council in amount of 3500.00 for fireworks.

There should be a process where the community should back this instead of these local agencies to fund this. Motion by Roach to pay the remainder in amount of 7000.00 second by Skeans roll call Roach yes, Skeans yes, Bean yes, Forrester yes, Gomery no Motion carries 4 yes 1 no

Approval for Road Chloride in May: Motion by Roach to approve 2 trucks and have all roads done second by Skeans roll call Skeans yes, Bean yes, Forrester yes, Roach yes, Gomery no motion carries 4 yes 1 no

Opening for board positions: Mrs. Bowden still wants to continue on the planning group for 3 years motion by Forrester to reappoint Sue Bowden to planning commission for 3-year term second by Gomery 4 yes 0 no motion carries

Elected officers pay raise: No resolutions given motion by Forrester to not hold an annual meeting on June 30th and continue with just a budget hearing second by Gomery. 4 yes 0 no motion carries

2025 budget adjustments: Township should be 100,000.00 under budget 2000.00 for Fire under and Library 9000.00 under and EMS is still questionable if they will make their budget

2026/2027 Staff raises: Cot fee schedule and EMS pay wage raise Motion by Roach to approve the cot fee and pay wage combined second by Bean all in favor 2 yes 2 no draw tabled until next meeting.

2026/2027 budget proposal: pages 4, 5, 6, 7, all have totals at the bottom have all revenue at the bottom. June 30th budget hearing

Land Division Smith/Fryling: Parent property # 01622208300. Zoning and Assessor has approved this Motion by Forrester second by Gomery to approve the division let the record be known that road listed by the appraisal does not match any road that is Farm Truck Trail also that there is assurance that the small triangle of the parent property not to be built on so it does not be landlocked roll call Forrester yes, Gomery yes, Skeans yes, Roach yes, Motion carries 5 yes 0 no

Tap Grant: Road work has begun and it's going to be fine! Says Forrester

Chamber of Commerce: Skeans makes a motion to Blueberry Festival 2000.00 a year for use of this building the community center and storage of the freezers and refrigerators Second by Gomery. Roach asked if the chamber pays for the pumping of our septic/ Forrester states yes,

they pay 50% 400.00 of a 800.00 bill also he asked if there is a way to see how much chamber uses in electricity? Yes 750-dollar difference. Chamber president states that the chamber used to pay but don't know where it stopped. They were going to write a letter about storage but the Supervisor said they wouldn't have to because he was on the board things are ok. Supervisor states don't worry about heavy equipment. Vendors plug in to the building next door (garage). Blueberry Festival does donate to the community well over 6000.00. All in favor 3 yes 1 no 1 abstained Supervisor abstained Treasury on the Chamber

Fire and ambulance Tahoe: Gomery asked where it is located Supervisor said in the wilderness station building. Can we tow it out? Well, it's a fuel filter problem its warm and I can move when its warm so I should be able to get it out and park it by the Township truck here. Please do so closing the 26th.

Library Agreement: Scheduled to expire June 1st Board Motion by Roach to approve a new agreement Second by Gomery all in favor 5 yes 0 no and have the Clerk work with a rep from the library board.

Road Commission Property: Been discussed but make sure the Township is not held liable for any cleanup and that the county understands this.

Hiring the auditor: Oh, look Gambridge who wants to move further by doing a 5 year plan a 2-year schedule and off year they do the F65 and clerk asks why can't we do it like this year? Maybe the accountant can help? Supervisor states maybe we plan to phase out the accountant Treasurer states well the Treasurer may not like that and we should keep them on because that's what townships do also Clerk Roach wanted the auditors for 2 years and let the Township do what a Township does and submit the F65 on odd years but the board says no. Motion by Forrester to hire Gambridge and have them go further so they do not only the audit but the F65 second by Bean roll call Skeans yes, Bean yes, Forrester yes, Gomery yes, Roach yes motion carries 4 yes 1 no

Generator report: Wolverine quote to repair antifreeze leak 67.74 for parts and labor travel 4966.00. Upper hand Electric is our former clerks Husbands Lem Beckers company Gomery mentioned a company in Curtis and should have the Supervisor look into it. Edson Forrester kept talking to the 2 Trustees and in a close area that the Clerk and Treasurer can't hear so the Clerk asked please include the other 2 board members over here as well please. This generator talk is held until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33pm by Gomery all in favor 5 yes 0 no

