

White Oak Township Board Meeting May 13, 2024

The May 13, 2024 meeting of the White Oak Board was called to order by Clerk Leela Vernon at 7:03 P.M. In attendance were: Treasurer-Brigitte Doxtator, Clerk-Leela Vernon, Trustee-Diane Graf, Trustee-John Kemler, Dean Leavitt, Richard Morrison, and Sam Curtis. Trustee Graf lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Trustee Kemler, seconded by Trustee Graf to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Trustee Kemler to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Katrina Griffith was not present but had given us a copy of her report. The lavender farm on Kane Road did some research and found that they can have a you-pick according to the Right to Farm Act and that our ordinance allows them to have a farm stand to sell products produced from their lavender, so they do not need a Special Use Permit.

Clerk Vernon stated that we needed to do something about our website. She contacted Shumacher Technology Group. They quoted her a price of \$750 per year or \$62.50 per month to maintain the site, make necessary updates within 24 hours of receipt, and get us a ".gov" URL at no additional charge. A motion was made by Trustee Graf, Seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to contract with Shumacher to maintain our website. Motion carried.

Just a reminder that SAESA will be hosting an open house on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

The Board received two (2) bids to repair the walking path in the Township park. One was from Dean Leavitt to cap the existing pathway for \$78,000.00. The other bid was from McKearney to do the same work for \$ 65,000. After some discussion, Mr Leavitt said he would decrease his bid to match McKearneys. A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to accept the bid from Dean Leavitt to the work on our walking path. Motion carried. Trustee Kemler asked Mr. Leavitt if he would be able to re-do our parking lot in the future. His answer was yes.

We received a quote from Chris Ewing to do landscaping for around the gazebo, trees and front of Township hall. It was determined that Kathy Cosgray already does some of what he bid, and that we could have Jason Porzio take care of the mulch and other yard maintenance jobs. The motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Clerk Vernon to hire Jason Porzio to due mulch and other yard maintenance for the township park for \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The floor in the hall has been completed. Mr. David asked for an additional \$200, due to the additional work that was required. When he tore up the carpet, there was tile beneath that needed to be taken up. A motion was made by Trustee Kemler, seconded by Trustee Graf to pay Barry Davis a total of \$2,500 instead of the \$2,300 that was previously approved. Motion carried.

Trustee Graf has been appointed as a Trustee for the North Stockbridge Cemetery Association. It was mentioned that they had not received money from White Oak for the maintenance in several years. Clerk Vernon will check and make sure this gets caught up.

Public Comment was opened up. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, Seconded by Trustee Kemler to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kemler, seconded by Trustee Graf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Clerk Vernon adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Leela A. Vernon, Clerk