

White Oak Township Board Meeting June 10, 2024

The June 10, 2024 meeting of the White Oak Board was called to order by Supervisor Dorwin Marshall at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were: Treasurer-Brigitte Doxtator, Clerk-Leela Vernon, Trustee-Diane Graf, Trustee-John Kemler, Dean Leavitt, Richard Morrison, Brian Holden, Sherry Arnett, Scott Coleman, Wade and Ashley Andersen, Paul McAdams, Corey and Mike Post, Ryan Schmaus, and Allen Baker. 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 May 13, 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. Treasurer Doxtator stated that taxes will be going out at the end of this month and that the Township Audit is scheduled for July 11, 2024 starting at 9 am.

Zoning Administrator Katrina Griffith was not present but had given us a copy of her report.

The Planning Commission had voted to send the Residential Gun Ordinance to the Township Board, which is basically an ordinance to establish guidelines to safely practice target shooting. The ordinance stated a minimum size and proper materials for a backstop, which would provide a safe shooting environment for all persons involved, including neighbors on adjoining properties. Trustee Kemler brought up the fact that he did not think the ordinance should include hours of operation as stated on page three (3) of the Ordinance. Trustee Kemler also felt that in section (E) (ii) the 100 foot setback was too much, and thought that should be deleted. It was suggested that the 100 foot setback be changed to 15 feet. The floor was opened up to the public. The majority of the residents that were in attendance were not in favor of approving a gun ordinance and the discussion became chaotic. Supervisor Marshall tabled the discussion until the next meeting. We will research to obtain more information about what the neighboring townships have as far as safety measures for target shooting.

Our Zoning Administrator, Katrina Griffith, had sent out notices to several people in the township regarding issues that are not allowed according to the White Oak Township Zoning Ordinance. Sherry Arnett and Ryan Schmaus both received letters regarding a violation of section 4.20 Temporary and Portable Buildings, Uses, Structures and Special Events. Both parties were in attendance and had complaints about the notices. It was decided that the Township Board needed to discuss this issue with Katrina who could not attend the meeting due to the fact that her husband was having surgery.

Another person attending the meeting was Christopher Richter who received a letter of violation of Section 4.9 Use of Yard Spaces and Other Open Areas for Storage. There was some discussion regarding this issue but it was determined again that we needed to discuss this with Katrina.

A motion was made by Trustee Kemler, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to purchase the new lawnmower for \$5,390.23. Motion carried

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Trustee Kemler to purchase a wheelbarrow for the township park. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Trustee Kemler to adopt the "White Oak Township Board Policy", the "White Oak Township Administration Policy", and the Township Board Meetings Policy". Motion carried.

Public Comment was opened up.

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 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Leela A. Vernon, Clerk