

## White Oak Township Board Meeting January 8, 2024

The January 8, 2024 meeting of the White Oak Board was called to order by Supervisor Dorwin Marshall at 7 p.m. In attendance were: Supervisor Dorwin Marshall, Treasurer Brigitte Doxtator, Clerk Leela Vernon, Trustee Diane Graf, Trustee John Kemler, Richard Morrison, Bob and Judy McManaman, Missy Noll, Sam Curtis, Aaron Graf deputy treasurer 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 December 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kemler, seconded by Trustee Graf to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. A CD in the amount of \$200,000.00 was purchased at True Credit Union at an interest rate 5%.

Zoning Administrator Katrina Griffith was not at the meeting but had given us her report. There was a question about the Lavender farm on Kane Road. Katrina is following up. They had applied for a special use permit a while back.

Clerk Vernon explained that several Absent Voter applications have already been processed. It was mentioned that at the December Board meeting a resolution was passed to pay the Clerk \$25.00 per hour for work relating to the 2022-2 proposal enacting 9 days of early voting. The MTA stated that the only way a Clerk can be compensated for the additional duties resulting from Proposal 2022-2 is to increase the Clerk's salary. Clerk Vernon had requested an increase of \$3,500.00 per year to cover the increased work load. A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pass a resolution increasing the Clerk's salary by \$3,500.00 per year to \$22,148.36 as of February 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Clerk Vernon expressed her interest in attending the MTA Educational Conference in Traverse City on April 22-25. It was tabled until the February meeting.

We received two quotes from Twisted Antler Construction to re-do the South Pavilion and replace the skirting on the Township office with Aluminum. A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to have Twisted Antler Construction company put us on their schedule to re-do the South Pavilion. Motion carried. We would like to get other bids for the skirting.

We received a resume from Chris Ewing to mow the park. The board had several questions. We will invite Mr. Ewing to our February meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pass the "Resolution to adopt alternate start dates for March 2024, July 2024 and December 2024 Board of Review." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pass the "Resolution to adopt taxpayers & non-resident taxpayers to protest in writing by letter or email for Board of Review." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pass the "Resolution Township household income & asset standards to eligible for a poverty exemption." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pass the resolution for the "Partial Poverty Exemption Guidelines". Motion carried.

Public Comment was opened up. Judy McManaman explained that the Citizens for Local Choice are submitting a petition to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act and repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 (see attached). She wanted to know if they could use the Township hall to collect signatures. The Board saw no reason why this should not be allowed.

A motion was made by Trustee Graf, seconded by Treasurer Doxtator to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Leela A. Vernon, Clerk