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Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of special meeting held on October 19, 2023

Call to Order
Supervisor, Popp called the meeting to order at 9:05 at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan

Rollcall of Members
Board members present: Benak, Glenn, Popp, Vollmuth
Board members absent: Clerk Cheryl Goss
Others present in person: None others present via zoom: eight

Set or adjust meeting Agenda:
No adjustments/No Conflicts

No Public comments/No public hearing

Agenda, items listed for a special meeting:
1. Discuss Chris Patterson's Confidential Legal Opinion on Keep Whitewater Rural
2. Park Business

Motion by Popp second by Benak, for Trustee Vollmuth to take minutes in open and closed sessions.

Roll call vote: Goss absent, Popp Yes, Glenn Yes, Vollmuth Yes, Benak Yes
Motion carried.

Roll taken noted above

Motion by Glenn second by Benak to enter closed session with attorney, Chris Patterson to discuss elements of complaint case number # 2023–36775: Keep Whitewater Rural.

Roll call vote: Popp Yes, Glenn Yes, Benak Yes, Vollmuth Yes, Goss absent
Motion passes with super majority present. Enter closed session at 9:12am

Closed session closed at 11:05am

Motion by Popp second by Glenn to recess for administration purposes at 11:09 to 11:25
Roll Call vote: Goss absent, Benak Yes, Glenn Yes, Popp Yes, Vollmuth Yes
Motion passes

Continue at 11:25

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Motion by Glenn second by Benak to direct the Township attorney to contact the Appellants Keep Whitewater Rural ET, AL and Baggs Rd, LLC to explore mediation of the pending appeal, seek a stipulated stay of the appeal during that time, and otherwise defend the appeal moving forward.

Roll Call vote: Popp Yes, Benak Yes, Vollmuth Yes, Glenn Yes
Motion passes

Motion by Popp second by Vollmuth to appoint treasure Ardella Benak and Trustee Donald Glenn as representatives for the Township Board for any mediation that occurs in Keep Whitewater Rural, et al v Whitewater Township.

Roll Call vote Glenn Yes, Goss Absent, Benak Yes, Popp Yes, Vollmuth Yes
Motion passes.

Discussed Park issues of employee using personal equipment for minor issues, example, moving picnic tables, minor and minimal dirt moves etc. Does the park need to purchase equipment to save time and money? Further discussion needed and possible contract? More research and planning need to take place at management level and return plan to the board.

Tabled items: None

Board comments

Public comment: Derek Van Solkema

Motion to adjourned by Benak Second by Vollmuth at 11:49
Roll Coll Vote: Benak Yes, Vollmuth Yes, Goss absent, Glenn Yes, Popp Yes

Submitted by: Heidi Vollmuth
Whitewater Township Trustee