

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Special Meeting held October 17, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Board Members present in person: Clerk Goss, Treasurer Benak, Popp, Trustee Vollmuth, Trustee Glenn

Board Members absent: None

Others present in person: 4

Others present via Zoom: 8

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda**

There were no adjustments.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

Public comment began at 9:02 a.m.

Connie Hymore

Tom McElwee

Vicki Beam

Vern Gutknecht

Public comment ended at 9:10 a.m.

**Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice****DISCUSS BROADBAND PROPOSALS**

Joe and Mike Gaylord were present in person, explained the 186networks proposal, and answered questions from board members.

Regarding Charter's proposal, it was noted that they are looking for a letter of recommendation for the county's ARPA funds and not asking for anything from Whitewater Township.

There was consensus that the Charter letter will not be supported.

Tim Maylone was present from Cherry Capital Communications, explained their proposal, and answered questions from board members.

At 10:50 a.m., the meeting recessed.

At 11:00 a.m., the meeting reconvened.

Regarding Grand Traverse County ARPA applications, letters of support will be provided for Acme Christian Thrift Store (ACTS) and Down by The Creek Children's Center.

An application will be submitted for a new fire truck.

Two grant applications for trail work at Battle Creek Natural Area and Lossie Road Nature Trail will be submitted.

***Motion by Popp to fund broadband expansion services in Whitewater Township to 41% of Whitewater Township's ARPA allocation, and to fund the fire truck at 31.5% of Whitewater Township's ARPA allocation, and to fund Lossie Road Nature Trail and Battle Creek Natural Area trail projects at 27.5% of Whitewater Township's ARPA allocation; second by Glenn.***

***Roll call vote: Vollmuth, yes; Benak, yes; Popp, yes; Glenn, yes; Goss, no. Motion carried.***

#### **PROPOSED WWT POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL SECTION 4.5 AMENDMENT**

***Motion by Popp to amend the policy and procedure manual section 4.5(a) Periodic Revenue and Expenditure Report as approved October 17, 2022, to the Administrative Policy & Procedure manual; second by Vollmuth.***

Glenn will wordsmith the motion and ~~bring it back in November.~~ **send the revised language to the clerk's office for review and approval.**

***The motion and second were withdrawn.***

#### **RECEIVE & FILE MARIHUANA SUBCOMMITTEE FINAL RULES (SIC)**

***Motion by Popp to accept and file in the Clerk's Office the Marihuana Subcommittee Final Recommendations dated August 18, 2022. As Ordinance 61 & 62 now prohibit commercial marihuana facilities and establishments within the boundaries of Whitewater Township no further action will be taken on said recommendations; second by Glenn.***

***Roll call vote: Goss, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Glenn, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes. Motion carried.***

#### **MORATORIUM SITE PLAN REVIEW**

***Motion by Benak to lift the moratorium on all Site Plan Reviews, Site Condominium, Planned Unit Development, Special Use Permits, Plat Approvals, and Condominium Conversions in Whitewater Township on October 17, 2022; second by Popp.***

***Motion amended by Benak as follows: to lift the moratorium only on site plan review and special use permits; all others would stay in effect; same timeline. Second by Popp.***

***Roll call vote: Benak, yes; Glenn, yes; Goss, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Popp, yes. Motion carried.***

**PARKING LOT LIGHTS REPAIR PROPOSAL**

*Motion by Popp to approve Kuhns Electric Proposal 22-117 for a new high pole parking lot light and two device lamp shades to focus light in a downward direction, materials and installation not to exceed \$1,200; second by Glenn.*

*Roll call vote: Popp, yes; Goss, yes; Vollmuth, yes; Benak, yes; Glenn, yes. Motion carried.*

Goss will issue a PO.

At 1:08 p.m., the meeting recessed.

At 1:25 p.m., the meeting reconvened.

**BOAT LAUNCH SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting to address this agenda item was set for 10/24 at 1:00 pm.

**DISCUSS/SCHEDULE MID-YEAR BUDGET/PROJECT WORK SESSION**

A special meeting will be set for 11/30 at 9:00 a.m. for a budget work session. A revenue/expenditure report will be provided through 10/31/2022.

**Board Comments/Discussion**

An invoice from Larry Wilson regarding a letter from the IRS was discussed.

**Public Comment**

Public comment began at 1:56 p.m.

Connie Hymore

Vicki Beam

Public comment ended at 2:03 p.m.

**Adjournment**

*Motion by Vollmuth to adjourn; second by Popp. Roll call vote: Glenn, yes; Popp, yes; Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Vollmuth, yes. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.*

Cheryl A. Goss

Whitewater Township Clerk