

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AGENDA: March 15, 2022 at 7:30

1. Call to Order/Pledge
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from Feb 15, 2022
4. Motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 22, 2022 special meeting.
5. Check Register: Motion to approve the General Fund Check register as presented.
6. Motion to approve the Utility Check Register as presented.
7. Treasurer's Financial Report.
8. Motion to approve the zoning change for Dorothy Ruetz Parcel Number 5815-029-018-01 located at 7825 Memorial HWY Ottawa Lake Mi. Property contains approximately 108.39 acres and is zoned AG. Appellant is seeking a zoning change from AG to R – 1 for Parcel #1 containing 3.178 acres and Parcel #2 containing 3.07 acres to be split from the original parcel.
9. Fire Department: The engine for the generator should be back from Jasper by the end of the month. They didn't have a complete match for it so they have rebuilt what we sent.
10. We had a meeting with Sheriff Goodnough, Captain David and County Commissioner Henry Lieven's this past Wednesday. About 50 residents attended the meeting and one thing that came from the meeting was what would be the cost of having a contract deputy in our community. We would have to have a millage passed in order to pay for a deputy. Would the board like me to pursue this matter and come back with a cost and the size of a millage that would have to be on the ballot for the people to vote on? Minimum coverage would be 2 officers, I think.
11. Road Report: I have gotten a letter from Jay Harington saying that with the increased cost he is going to have to have more money to continue to mow roads. He is trying to decide between a sir-charge or an increase in an amended contract. We all know how much fuel and labor costs have gone up.
12. Park Report: Brandon Best is proposing putting outfield fences on fields 2 and 5 and having a temporary fence on field 6. He will be hosting a ball tournament on May 12 – the 15th and May 19 – 22 using at least 4 and possibly 5 fields. The outfield fences are going to cost around \$35,000. These are permeant fences. The tournaments income will go towards paying for the fences. We will have to have porta-jon and hand washing stations for both weekends. He has said he would charge \$25 but his assignments would be very limited.
13. I would like to have Ernie do some work for us at the park to get the ball fields ready for spring ball. Ernie is asking for \$25 per hour for the work.

For the Record the Fall Festival Committee is a Volunteer Origination for the Township to raise money for park improvements. I would need a motion to approve the Fall Festival Committee as a volunteer Group for the township.

I have asked Mark Cowdry for what he believed he would need to cover the cost increase of labor and fuel for mowing both the cemetery and park. I have to have those numbers for next year's budget. The board can expect a draft budget ready for the April board meeting and I will have it ready for the May meeting for approval.

14. Water Report:
15. Cemetery: Cemetery Ordinance and Resolution
16. Public Comment:  
Additional Items to Come Before the Board,

Adjourn