

**Winterfield Township Board Meeting
November 11, 2024
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dave Bondie at Winterfield Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken by Blackledge.

Members Present: Dave Bondie, Supervisor; Bonnie Blackledge, Clerk; Linda Peterson, Treasurer; Shelly Laughlin and Fred Prielipp, Trustees

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Carl Traynor; Todd Flint; David Hoefling, County Commissioner; Bill Hoefling, Mark Hammar, and Deb Hammar

Review of Agenda: Laughlin moved to approve the Agenda with no changes, second by Prielipp. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Review Minutes September 10, 2024: Motion by Laughlin, second by Peterson, to approve the September 10 Meeting Minutes as written. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Carl Traynor said he contacted GFL Waste Services regarding the high October invoice. They told him there were two months in a row with five weekends which caused the higher invoices. The billing was correct.

County Commissioner's Report, Dave Hoefling: Hoefling told the Board about recent activity on the County Commission. The 2025 budget was passed with a balance of \$400,000. The tax for the gypsy moth spraying was decreased to .6 mill. This will allow them to continue spraying where it is needed, but not ask the taxpayers for more than necessary. The situation will continue to be monitored. The Road Commission will be bonding for a new building. The union employees will receive a 2% wage increase. Hoefling also discussed Grand Traverse County's plan to use the Clare County facility for jail overflow. The State wants a materials management committee for solid waste.

Zoning Officer's Report: Flint said he has had inquiries regarding putting up a garage. Someone also inquired about putting a campground on a 10-acre parcel.

Treasurer's Report: Peterson presented the Treasurer's report as of November 12, 2024. She said that she, Tracy and Tina have reviewed the Transfer Station fee charges and adjusted the tax roll. **Bondie moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Laughlin seconded. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried**

Planning Commission Report: Laughlin said that they are waiting for an update on the solar issue.

Clerk's Report: Blackledge presented two vouchers for approval, and brought up the unfinished business in the cemetery. New markers for the grave sights had been mentioned as well as repairing the sign. Bondie said that McCrimmon was contacted regarding the markers and he believes Andrew Faulman said he is willing to repair the sign.

Trustees' Report: Laughlin said she had received some complaints about the Cook Avenue paving project that has been postponed to 2025.

Supervisor's Report: Bondie said they are planning to hold an MTA Local Chapter dinner at Hayes Township on December 3rd. This will be funded by leftover MTA dues. Bondie also discussed the follow-up regarding the cemetery issue brought up at the September meeting. Cathy Colberg had spread her mother's ashes on top of her father's grave. She gave him a copy of the death certificate. The Fire Board meeting was rescheduled to this Thursday. He is researching replacement of the security cameras at the Hall. The Transfer Station is compliant with EGLE regulations, adding a fire extinguisher and complying in other areas as recommended.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Board of Review – The required 2024 December meeting is scheduled for December 10. This needs to be posted at least 18 hours in advance at the Township Hall. Dave is going to see if Bonnie Fox wants to remain as the alternate. Traynor said Robin Mosher may be interested in serving as a member.

ISP Service – Mark advised Blackledge to contact ISP and let them know she is no longer on the Board and will have to pay for service. Traynor is eligible, but hasn't decided if he wants to switch from his current carrier.

Credit Card Use – Blackledge will call to cancel the credit card she uses for Township purchases. She encouraged the board to consider who may wish to get one. She will ask FMBO to send information to Shelly Laughlin, the new clerk as of November 20.

Resolution 2024-10, to Impose 3% Late Penalty Charge on Property Tax Collections – Peterson said that Jenny Beemer-Fritzingler has advised treasurers to have a resolution on file authorizing the imposition of a late penalty charge equal to 3% of the tax on all taxes paid after the February 14 due date. She sent a sample resolution which the Board considered this evening. **Peterson moved to approve the Resolution to Impose 3% Late Penalty Charge on Property Tax Collections. Bondie seconded. Ayes – 5. Nays – 0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Budget Report 9/11/2024 – 11/12/2024 – Blackledge distributed a copy of the budget report. There are no overspent categories.

Review Township Expenditures: (Done in two separate motions) **Prielipp moved to approve General Fund checks 6229* through 6275, and also to approve Transfer Station checks 2260 through 2268 as shown on the report. Seconds by Laughlin. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motions carried.**

Bondie moved to appoint Carl Traynor as Board Representative to the Planning Commission. Laughlin seconded. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Blackledge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Bondie seconded. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Blackledge administered the oath to all of the following incoming Board Members:

Dave Bondie, Supervisor

Shelly Laughlin, Clerk

Linda Peterson, Treasurer

Fred Prielipp, Trustee

Carl Traynor, Trustee and Board Representative to Planning Commission

This will be effective when the new term begins on November 20, 2024 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Blackledge, Clerk

*Check # 6228 was not officially approved by the Board. This check was issued to Todd Flint after his original paycheck #6203 was lost in the mail and voided.