

**Winterfield Township Board Meeting
July 11, 2023
Minutes**

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

Members Present: Mark Hammar, Supervisor; Bonnie Blackledge, Clerk; and Fred Prielipp, Trustee

Members Absent: Linda Peterson, Treasurer; and Shelly Laughlin, Trustee

Others Present: Dave Hoefling, County Commissioner; Dave Bondie, Deputy Supervisor; Todd Flint, Zoning Administrator; and Bill Hoefling

Review of Agenda: Blackledge moved to add Tax Rate Request under New Business and accept Agenda as amended, second by Hammar. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.

Review Minutes June 28, 2023: Motion by Hammar, second by Prielipp, to approve the June 28 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Peterson was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but she sent her report by email. Blackledge moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Prielipp seconded. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

County Commissioner's Report, Dave Hoefling: Hoefling summarized recent activity at the Commissioner meeting. ARPA funds in the amount of \$380,000 will be used to repair the HVAC system. Some units are 40 years old. He discussed a grant renewal, hangar fee increase at the airport, assistant prosecutor not being hired, Homeland Security approved, and the Clean Slate program.

Zoning Officer's Report: Todd Flint said that a home is going in on Pine Road. The removal of the pig barn on 20 Mile is almost finished. The Fire Department is considering using the house on the property for training.

Clerk's Report: Blackledge distributed the resolutions that were approved at the June 28 meeting.

Trustees' Report: Prielipp said someone called him regarding having their road paved.

Supervisor's Report:

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance – Hammar tabled the Zoning Ordinance approval until the September meeting. He stated that this was an important issue and all Board members should be present to vote on it.

Township Attorney Search Update – Blackledge said she has not had the opportunity to draft a letter. Flint said he hopes this can happen soon since he needs to have an attorney to call when he needs information on a zoning issue. She will draft a letter and mail it to the attorneys mentioned at the May meeting.

New Business

Planning Commission – Frieberg resignation – George Frieberg recently submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission. **Hammar nominated Dan Blackledge to fill Frieberg's position (term ends 12/31/25). Prielipp seconded. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Roger Mosher resignation – Mosher recently submitted his resignation to Hammar. When a replacement is found, this position will be filled.

Tax Rate Request – Blackledge recently received the L-4029 Form from Tina Wright, Assessor. **Blackledge moved to have the Supervisor and Clerk sign the form and send it to the County. Prielipp seconded. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.**

Budget Report: Blackledge distributed a budget report for the fiscal year 2022-2023, 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023 for the General Fund, Transfer Station Fund and Road Fund. This is the final report for last fiscal year.

Review Township Expenditures:

Prielipp moved to approve General Fund checks 5933 through 5949, and Transfer Station checks 2207 through 2210 as shown on the reports. Second by Hammar. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Absent-2. Motion carried.

Letter of Resignation: Hammar had intended to submit a letter of resignation for his position of Supervisor. Because two Board members were absent, there would not have been a quorum present to accept his resignation. He tabled his request and asked that we add this to the September 12th agenda.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Blackledge, Winterfield Township Clerk