

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Unapproved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
February 17, 2022**

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Absent: Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Aaron Potter, DPS Director
Cathy Derocher, Human Resources Manager
Mike Leuffgen, DLZ
Andrea Pike, Rosati & Schultz
Hannah Micallef, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the agenda. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2021-189735-CZ, CHRISTOPHER REIBITZ V WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(d).

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to recess into closed session for discussion of pending litigation with Legal Counsel regarding Oakland County Circuit court case no. 2021-189735-CZ, Christopher Reibitz v White Lake Township in accordance with MCL 15.268(d). The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes).

Moved into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to return to open session at 6:41 p.m. The motion PASSED by voice vote: (6 yes votes)

NEW BUSINESS

A. MOTION REGARDING SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF REIBITZ V. WHITE LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2021-189735-CZ

MOTION by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble regarding settlement in the matter of Reibitz v. White Lake, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2021-189735-CZ. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #22-010; TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FORMATION OF AN ACT 196 AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Supervisor Kowall said this was the first amended agreement. The majority of the items for amendment were housekeeping issues, such as Walled Lake was participating on an annual basis so terminology was changed to reflect that.

MOTION by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to approve the amendment of amended interlocal agreement for formation of an Act 196 Authority to provide transportation services. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

Supervisor Kowall said WOTA would have a future event called "About the Town". 4-6 buses will be taken out and driven to 3-4 different restaurants for appetizers and drinks, ticket proceeds will go to a charitable donation.

C. REQUEST TO CONSIDER DLZ PROJECT PLAN PREPARATION PROPOSALS FOR 2023 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND AND 2023 DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND

Director Potter said money would be allocated through the state revolving and drinking water revolving fund soon. Some of the money would go towards disadvantaged communities, but in order to be considered for any of the funds, projects needed to be submitted prior. The rules weren't posted yet, and neither was the monetary amount. Projects were selected out of the CIP and Water/Sewer Asset Management Plan. There were two "Intent to Apply" forms, one for each fund.

Supervisor Kowall added that the projects selected were estimated at around \$9 million to complete, but there was nothing binding the Township to the projects at this point. He felt this was an opportunity for the Township to enhance the water and loop system. The concept was to be in a position of preparedness with the project plans once the funds were available.

Director Potter stated that the projects were prioritized, and the ones selected were near the top of the priority list.

Mr. Leuffgen said on the sanitary side, there was a 20-year CIP set up for improvements and repairs. Pump stations would require maintenance and repair. The main sewer trunk leading in the Township had hydrogen sulfide damage that would need relining.

Supervisor Kowall said if funding was available, these projects would need to take priority. Director Potter said these projects were priority, extra funding or not.

Mr. Leuffgen said the project plans help EGLE decide which projects deserve funding. Director Potter said the state had a series of webinars that encouraged CVTs to apply for the funding. The due date for the application submittal would be around April for the water funding, the sanitary funding would be due around March. The amount for DLZ's engineering services for the project proposals would be \$23,000.00 for each fund, totaling \$46,000.00.

Supervisor Kowall said even if the Township did not receive funding, the project proposals would aid in the future when the Township picked the projects to complete.

Trustee Smith said there was a lot of money to be spent on a project proposal. Supervisor Kowall said the sanitary work needed to be done regardless, and the proposals would serve the future. Treasurer Roman said the money being offered by the state was a great opportunity. Supervisor Kowall said the money for the sanitary repairs would have been requested in the near future, grant or not.

Director Potter said these project plan proposals were required to receive the funding. He did not have the staff on hand to put these plans together in house. There was a lot of data gathering and analysis required.

MOTION by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble, to approve the DLZ proposals, Professional Engineering Services for 2023 Clean Water SRF Project Plan Preparation and Professional Engineering Services for 2023 DWRF Project Plan Development, in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00. He requested the Township Supervisor be authorized to execute both agreements. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote:(6 yes votes).