

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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AGENDA: September 19, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE
2. Motion to Approve the Agenda.
3. Motion to Approve the August 15, 2023 Minutes.
4. Motion to Approve the Check Register for the General Fund
5. Motion to Approve the Check Register for the Utility Fund.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve the Treasurers Report as presented.
7. Motion to approve the Tax Rate Request for 2023. Operating is 0.9178 mills, Voted for Roads is 0.9696 mills, Voted for Fire is 0.9696. To be applied December 1, 2023
8. Monroe Conservation District is asking for \$1000 from each municipality to match county-level support. They would like a response by Oct 1. Do we support this proposal?
9. Motion to approve the cyber security upgrade of \$2691.00 for the township.
10. Storm Damaged Trees. There was a tree down in the Ottawa Lake park, part touching the house next door. The cleanup for that tree is \$800 I approved that because of safety concern. The tree next to it is also in bad shape. And the estimate to take that one down is \$1500. Motion to approve both tree removals. The estimated cost to grind those stumps is \$800 for a total of \$2,300
11. We had a tree on Pelton Lane that was hitting the school bus I have no estimate yet. We have a tree hung in another tree on School Road that needs to be taken down at a cost of \$1500.
12. Tom Redmon is requesting a laptop computer to do reporting and the software also. Motion to get a laptop computer and Microsoft office for Tom Redmond for no more than \$1,000 or less.
13. ROAD REPORT: Sterns Road is mostly done.
14. Cemetery: From the table, discussion on trash containers at the Cemetery.
15. FIRE REPORTS: The water system at the fire department on Whiteford Center need a lot of work to their water system. It has had no maintenance for years. Standard Water Systems, LLC has done the repairs to the system. They have submitted a bill for \$13,087.67. Motion to pay Standard Water System LLC. A pipe broke and the water did a lot of damage. This is being handled by the insurance company.
16. Motion to pay VFIS for firefighter's S/A insurance for \$5,293.00
17. We have an offer on the old fire engine. Toledo Casson has offered \$10,000+. I would entertain a motion to accept the offer. The ladders could be sold separately and the extraction equipment could be donated to a college.
18. I would like to schedule a workshop on everything fire department. I would like to have the Planning Commission and as many firemen attend as possible attend. This is just a workshop to discuss the future of the fire department and how are we going to get there. The public is encouraged to take part. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

19. Water: Motion to purchase a Milwaukee grass trimmer for \$471.83 with battery, to be used by the TWP and Water Plant.
20. Park Report: The Park will be closed on October 7 for everything except the Fall Festival event. They need volunteer help.
21. Stone for the new parking lot at the park should be delivered this week. It will need to be spread and compacted level.
22. Sheriff Troy Goodnough has requested that we have a round table discussion (Community Engagement Meeting) about policing in the township. That will be on October 10th at 7:30pm, here, public is encouraged to come and participate.
23. Additional Items to come before the Board
24. Public Comment.

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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES:

- Sept. 26 Planning Commission meeting @7:30pm
- Sept. 28 Fire Dept Workshop @7:30pm
- Oct. 3 Zoning Board of Appeals
- Oct. 7th Whiteford Fall Festival at StoneCo. Park 10am till 4pm
- Oct. 10th Round Table with Sheriff Goodnough @7:30pm
- Oct. 17th Whiteford Township Board meeting @ 7:30pm