

White Oak Township
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021
Via Zoom

The 2021 annual meeting of White Oak Township was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

Present were townspeople:

Michael Bates, Ed Dvorak, Shelly Nelson, Marlys Lehn, Jeff Lindstrom, Ray and Barbara Kramer, Don and Anna Hudson, Bob and Jimmie Ginn, Judy Anderson, Walt Stachon, and Mary Muller.

Township Clerk, Jeff Lindstrom, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a welcome. After a brief explanation of procedures to be followed, Clerk asked for nominations from the floor for moderator to preside over the meeting.

Shelly Nelson nominated Ed Dvorak , seconded by Michael Bates. Clerk called for further nominations. Hearing none, Dvorak was elected unanimously by a voice vote. He then took charge of the meeting.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were presented by clerk. Bates moved, Lehn seconded, to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Carried all.

Motion by Dvorak, seconded by Bates and approved to include all reports entered into the record of the meeting and minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Marlys Lehn. 2020 Beginning balances in each fund were as follows: General Fund, \$69,753.05; Road and Bridge Fund, \$(-8,258.38); Fire Fund, \$27,722.97; Fire Equipment Fund \$52,329.14; Cemetery Fund, \$2,143.48; Emergency Fund, \$225,231.39. 2019 ending balances were as follows: General Fund, \$104,619.35; Road and Bridge Fund, \$77,256.43; Fire Fund, \$28,013.59; Fire Equipment Fund, \$60,552.87; Cemetery Fund, \$2,131.71; Emergency Fund, \$115,674.32 The township also has \$13,743.02 in CD investments. Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Bates, and approved to waive the reading of all checks and deposits and accept the report as presented. The 2020 Financial Report is posted in the town hall.

Nelson moved, Lehn seconded that the township accept payment in lieu of taxes(PILT) on natural resources land if available. Carried all. DNR was exploring purchase of Potlatch lands but a conservation conservancy group is involved in the purchase which would keep former Potlatch lands taxable.

Road report was given by Nelson, who highlighted the work done in 2020:

2020 Road Projects

Contract with Vogt's Dirt Service to crush 25000 yards of Gravel to township specifications.	\$114,000
Replace poor illumination or damaged signs throughout township	2,500
Gravel 1 mile of 170 th from Hwy 64 East.	8,040
Replace culvert and gravel .2 miles Foredyce road	2,200
Replace 2 culverts and ditch, reshape and gravel 1/4 mile 220 th Cost sheared Akeley TWP	3,100
Gravel one mile of 319 th from County 19 to 190 th	6,700
Gravel 1 mile of 190 th from State 64 East to 319 th	6,700
Empire Loop Spot graveling	2,400

Projects approved but not completed in 2020

Far North Drive, Widen to 24 feet and gravel 3" base	11,000
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Grave ¼ mile of 220 th	Cost Shared	1,500
Total road projects		\$158,000
Chloride treatments		\$60,000

Jeff Lindstrom spoke about other road issues, LRIP grant application for paving Far North Drive, Road Policy changes, and the Holsapple Gravel pit.

Lehn gave a report on the East Hubbard County Fire District – Lehn and supervisor Hayes are representatives for White Oak Township on the East Hubbard County Fire District Board. The fire district has applied for several grants to purchase equipment, including turn-out gear and security cameras. Lehn also explained that the department will need to replace the 1971 pumper in the near future. Currently the 4 town entities have committed \$80,000 toward a replacement truck.

Bates presented information on town hall improvements for the coming year. They include a new exit deck and stairs on the East side door, external lighting at that site and exit lighting or signage inside the town hall. An exterminator will be hired to eliminate a rodent (gopher) problem under the town hall and an inspection of the foundation for repairs if needed. The recycling building has been removed and bollards will be placed around the well head and outside water spigot to prevent potential damage.

Marlys Lehn presented the proposed levy payable in 2022. Discussion followed. Nelson moved, Bates seconded to set the payable 2022 levy at \$427,000 appropriated to the funds below, carried all.

Total levy was set as shown below:

General fund	\$ 50,000
Road & Bridge	270,000
Fire	23,000
Fire Equipment	16,000
Cemetery	3,000
Emergency Management	<u>65,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 427,000

On motion of Lehn, seconded by Nelson, and carried all, the next annual meeting will be held at the White Oak Town Hall on March 8, 2022 at 7 p.m.

On motion by Nelson, seconded by Lehn the 2021-22 calendar was set, carried all.

There being no further business before the board, on motion by Lehn, second by Bates, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Lindstrom, Clerk
Ed Dvorak, Moderator