

South Branch Township
January 10, 2023
Regular Board Meeting
Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Sylvester, Barkley, Janisse, Barritt, and Nelson.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending: Fire Chief Umphrey

Motion by Nelson and second by Janisse to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None.
Motion passed.

Motion by Nelson and second by Janisse to accept consent agenda, December Regular Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, the Treasurer's Report, Fire/EMS Report, and projected bills for January, as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Guest Presentation: Col. Scott Meyers, Camp Grayling, and Tom Barnes, MI DNR Forestry Div. answered questions regarding the proposed expansion and use of additional 160,000 acres of DNR land. It was stated that the lease for lands would be 20 years and no live artillery would be used on the land. Mr. Barnes noted that the plan still needed to be reviewed by other divisions in the DNR and the land usage may be reduced. Col. Meyers stated the lands could still be used by Michigan residents and would not be closed off since no live ammunition will be used and the troops will be scattered throughout the 160,000 acres.

Fire/EMS:

Reviewed fire department report. Motion by Sylvester, second by Nelson to approve the fire department's request for a Fast Board Flotation device from Dinges Fire Co for \$3325.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Submitted for new hire, an EMT in training and will take fire training once completed. Motion by Barkley, second by Barritt, to hire for probationary period of 90 days. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed meeting minutes for the Planning Commission and Zoning Report. No ZBA report. County's Master Plan is completed, reviewed, and will be distributed in the next couple weeks.

Old Business:

The township board reviewed the revised quote from Hodgins Paving for the parking lot at office and fire hall. Motion by Janisse, second by Barkley, to approve use of \$134,000.00 in ARPA funds to repave parking lot. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Due to scheduling conflicts budget meeting was moved to 12:30 PM on January 19, 2023.

New Business:

Reviewed Holiday schedule for 2023-2024 year. Supervisor Sylvester advised there may be an increase in the minimum wage due to a wage law being reviewed by the Michigan Courts.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm

Brenda Nelson, Clerk