

**South Branch Township**  
**December 12, 2023**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Unapproved**

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

Attending: Fire Chief Umphrey.

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

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

**Fire/EMS:**

The Chief announced the new CO/Smoke Detectors from the state are available to residents upon request. It is required the fire department install and register them online through the state's Fire Marshal's office. The radios and pagers were purchased with the \$10,000 grant and the arrival of all equipment should be by the end of January 2024. Per township policy, Janisse motioned and Nelson supported to approve Arbor Professionals to collect for fire/ambulance past dues. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Reviewed** Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed meeting minutes for the Planning Commission, ZBA will hold a hearing for a resident on Jan 8, 2024. Reviewed Zoning Report, continue working on blight issues in the township and receiving abatement plans from residents. The Crawford County Planning Commission will be meeting on December 6, 2023.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Resolution to recognize Cris Jones contribution to the Mason Tract Trail. **Motion** by Janisse to support, second by Nelson. Roll call vote: Barkley, Aye. Barritt, Aye. Janisse, Aye. Nelson, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Resolution Adopted.

**Motion** by Barkley, second by Janisse to approve 10% overage for Crawford County Road Commission in amount of \$6,922.52 for Pere Cheney Rd repairs. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Clerk Nelson reviewed early voting agreement with Crawford County and all early voting for our township will be held at the Crawford County Bldg. from Feb 17 to Feb 25, 8:30 – 4:30.

Schedule Budget Meeting for Jan 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

**Motion** by Janisse, second by Barritt to accept the Property Tax Poverty Exemption guidelines for 2024. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Treasurers' Office to be open Dec 29 and Feb 29 from 9:00-4:00 for property tax payments.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm

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