

South Branch Township
November 14, 2023
Regular Board Meeting
Unapproved

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

Attending: Fire Chief Umphrey.

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

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

Fire/EMS:

Chief Umphrey discussed the sale of Ambulance 471 to Frederick Township and setting up a vehicle replacement schedule. The Chief relayed the approval of the MI Fire Grant to help pay for new radios, and also ordered two pagers and stated Frederic Township provided a pager to 911 dispatch for county wide use. Supv. Sylvester asked the fire dept to provide assistance with the large item dumpsters.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed meeting minutes for the Planning Commission, Ordinance No. 2 of 2023, Solar Energy Systems was presented to the board for review. ZBA held a hearing for a resident. Reviewed Zoning Report, continue working on blight issues in the township and receiving abatement plans from residents. Road Committee, Pere Cheney and Chase Bridge Rd are coming along on their construction. Crawford County Planning Commission would like to get together with local zoning administrators to discuss planning and various zoning issues throughout the county.

Old Business: No decision on mower.

New Business: Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to approve payment to NEMCOG for \$1,054.00 for annual dues, and payment to Tyler Watters, CPA in amount of \$5,345.00 for the township annual audit. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Clerk Nelson explained the audit report and how the new fire trucks were reported. The purchase was accounted for in the 2021-2022 budge but not received until the 2022-2023 budget year and were not reported in the 2022-2023 budget. Supv. Sylvester presented a resolution in support of State of MI operated veterans cemetery in Crawford County. Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to approve resolution. Roll Call Vote: Janisse, Aye. Nelson, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Barkley, Absent. Barritt, Absent. Motion passed.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:46 pm

Brenda Nelson, Clerk