

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

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

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

Fire/EMS:

Motion by Janisse, supported by Nelson, to follow township policy and approve Arbor Solutions to proceed with collection process for ambulance and fire calls. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supv. Sylvester advised of replacement of fire department radio due to fire and there is a \$500.00 deductible. Reviewed a resolution to support Roscommon County efforts to improve 911 emergency communications.

Motion by Barkley, supported by Barritt. Roll Call Vote: Barkley, Aye. Barritt, Aye. Janisse, Aye. Nelson, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Motion passed. Reviewed mutual aid agreement renewal with Frederic Fire/EMS. Reviewed applications for two FF/EMTs and one FF. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Barkley to approve hire for a probationary period of nine (9) months. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed meeting minutes for the Planning Commission, the solar ordinance is almost complete and Supv Sylvester suggested holding a public hearing for review. No ZBA meetings or hearings. Reviewed Zoning Report, working on blight issues in the township and receiving abatement plans from residents. Road Committee, Trustee Janisse reported work is ongoing with the Pere Cheney Rd. project and the county is continuing work on Chase Bridge Rd.

Old Business: Discussed the purchase of the new mower, the supervisor and maintenance will look at a Gravely model before deciding between the Gravely and the Country Clipper.

New Business:

Reviewed invoice for legal fees for planning solar ordinance and zoning issues.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm

Brenda Nelson, Clerk