

South Branch Township
February 13, 2024
Regular Board Meeting/Budget Public Hearing
Approved

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 Barkley to accept agenda with changes as presented by supervisor to move Item 1 Ambulance Decision from Fire/EMS to New Business Item 1. Ayes: All. Nays: None.
Motion passed.

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

Budget Public Hearing:

Supervisor presented the 2024/2025 Budget, reviewed each fund. Asked for public comment, no comments. Supervisor closed public hearing and asked for a motion to approve budget with a roll call vote.

Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to approve 2024/2025 budget. Roll call: Janisse, Aye. Barritt, Aye. Barkley, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Nelson, Aye. Motion Passed.

Fire/EMS:

Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to follow township procedure to allow Arbor Solutions to collect past dues for fire/ambulance but first determine if \$14,000 charge is valid. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Barkley, second by Nelson to purchase three additional pagers for \$2,603.55. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed minutes for the Planning Commission, Barritt said they were working on zoning ordinances. Janisse tasked planning to look into clearing trees on some of the township's property near Pioneer. No ZBA. Reviewed Zoning Report. The township Road Committee Member Janisse said he is working with Don Babcock and getting quotes for future projects.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Nelson, second by Barkley to approve use of remaining ARPA funds of \$17,410.76 towards purchase on new ambulance. Roll Call: Janisse, Aye. Barkley, Aye. Barritt, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Nelson, Aye. Motion passed. Ambulance Budget Amendment for purchase of new ambulance \$327,000.

Motion by Sylvester, second by Nelson. Roll Call: Nelson, Aye. Janisse, Aye. Barkley, Aye, Barrit, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Motion passed.

Salary Resolutions: Clerk, \$28,888.00 **Motion** by Janisse, second by Barritt. Roll Call: Ayes – Janisse, Barrit, Barkley, Sylvester. Abstain – Nelson. Nays – None. Resolution adopted. Supervisor, \$26,805.00. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Nelson. Roll Call: Ayes – Janisse, Nelson, Barritt, Barkley. Abstain – Sylvester. Nays-None. Resolution adopted. Treasurer, \$26,805.00. **Motion** by Nelson, second by Janisse. Roll Call: Ayes – Janisse, Nelson, Barritt, Barkley, Sylvester. Nays – None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to approve payment BS&A Software annual for \$1467.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Barritt to approve Kathy Jones to Board of Review. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor noted extended hours for clerk for the Feb 27th election and extended hours for the treasurer for tax payments due by Feb 29th. Also, the new hourly rate for the township's attorney.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Brenda Nelson