

**South Branch Township**  
**January 9, 2024**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**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 Nelson to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None.  
Motion passed.

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

**Fire/EMS:**

The Chief presented a quote for a new ambulance and will be followed up at the budget meeting.

Motion by Nelson, second by Barkley to approve payment for Fire Programs for departments annual service for \$ 1,213.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Janisse commented on moving dispatch to Gaylord MSP from Crawford County was necessary but is limited in capabilities because of the paging system. It was stated early in the decision to move dispatch the county would help in the funding of radios for local fire and ambulance. Trustee Janisse asked if a letter from the township to the Crawford County Commission may help our township's situation and our neighboring townships if they are having the same issues. Supv. Sylvester said she would draft a letter for the commissioners as well as letters for her fellow supervisors and have Chief Umphrey and Trustee Janisse review for accuracy.

**Reviewed** Committee and Commission reports. No meeting minutes for the Planning Commission, Trustee Barritt said they were working on zoning ordinances. Heard report from ZBA member regarding hearing for a resident on Jan 8, 2024. Reviewed Zoning Report. The Crawford County Planning Commission will be meeting on February 6, 2023.

**Old Business:**

**New Business: Motion** by Janisse to support, second by Nelson to approve payment Crawford County for tax billing, \$2,492.78 CC Road Commission, \$3,493.28. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment for ARPA Funds received. Add Unearned Income to Budget. Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supv. Sylvester noted minimum wage increased from \$10.10 to \$10.33.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 pm

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Brenda Nelson