

South Branch Township
November 12, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
Approved

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Umphrey, absent.

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

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

Fire/EMS:

Per Chief Umphrey report, radios that were ordered last year are starting to trickle in, meaning hopefully our new ambulance will be in service soon. We did not receive the FEMA grant we had requested for the radios. We will continue looking at funding options. Requested to remove C Eggleton from the roster, was not showing up for calls. **Motion** by Nelson, second by Barkley to remove Mr. Eggleton from the roster. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Requested to place George Rohde as an honorary member, no longer active but can show up for business meeting and PR events. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Nelson to have Mr. Rohde an honorary member. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Planning Commission meeting canceled.

Reviewed Zoning Report. No ZBA. Road Committee reported Pioneer Rd in good condition, soft shoulder contacted CCRC for service. Leline Rd work is progressing.

Old Business: Assessor – Interview applicant, Megan Van Wormer. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Barkley to hire Ms. Van Wormer for the assessor position. Roll Call: Janisse, Aye. Barkley, Aye. Barritt, Aye. Sylvester, Aye. Nelson, Aye.

Received bid for propane tanks at Pioneer and McMaster's transfer station. Bid amount was \$825.00 from Mr. Powers. **Motion** by Janisse, second by Barritt to accept bid. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

New Business: Supv. Sylvester provided Resolution for Christie Verlac, honoring her service to South Branch Township. **Motion** by Nelson, second by Barkley to approve payment of \$1,379.71 to Crawford County for maintenance of GIS program. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Treas. Barkley discussed online tax payment program with BS&A, will investigate further for any charges to the township. Supv. Sylvester asked about purchasing land from the US Forest Service to expand Rock Cemetery, as space is limited. Also, discussed who the cemetery is open to since space is limited. Ms. Sylvester will follow up with the forest service for information. Treas Barkley and Trustee Barritt attended a meeting regarding the SAAB plant coming in to Grayling Township near Camp Grayling. It was noted they would only operate during the day and local communities would need to come together for fire protection as SAAB is not providing the service.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm

Brenda Nelson, Clerk