

**South Branch Township  
October 8, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting  
Approved**

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending: Fire Chief Umphrey.

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

**Motion** by Barkley and second by Janisse to accept consent agenda, September 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:**

Chief Umphrey stated positive feedback on the smoke detector and address sign program. The State Fire Marshall applauded our township for our efforts. The township is up to date on a few state mandates, and we are working getting quotes for mandated physical exams for our members. We will bring this to the budget meeting for next year's budget

**Reviewed** Committee and Commission reports. Reviewed minutes for the Planning Commission, Reviewed Zoning Report. No ZBA.

**Old Business:** Fuel tanks at the fire dept, received a bid from GFL for removal. Cost is approx. \$4,700. DNR RIF grants, Jeff Baerlocher and Supv. Sylvester will work together with the DNR to evaluate what is needed.

**New Business:** Supv. Sylvester announced the retirement of our Assessor Chris Verlac effective in December. Motion by Nelson, second by Janisse to accept Ms. Verlac's resignation. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Motion by Nelson, second by Barkley to approve payment for annual membership to Nemcog for \$1,054.00, and payment to Tyler Watters, for the township's annual audit, \$5,810.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Motion by Janisse, second by Nelson to approve tree removal at Pioneer Cemetery and the refuse station in the amount of \$7,500.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed. Supv. Sylvester stated we would search for future tree removal grants.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 pm

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Brenda Nelson, Clerk