

South Branch Township
April 8, 2025
Regular Board Meeting
Approved

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

Attending: Chief Umphrey.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Fire/EMS:

Chief Umphrey updated on the ice storm coverage. The fire department cleared roads, helped residents get out of their homes to get to shelters or get supplies. Opened the fire hall for residents to get water. We have incurred additional expenses for payroll and gas for vehicles and saws. Since the Gov. Whitmer declared a state of emergency, we will be reimbursed for most, if not all, of our expenses.

Reviewed Committee and Commission reports. Planning Commission report and reviewed Zoning Report. ZBA will have hearing in May. Road committee, no report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Barritt, second by Barkley to approve payment to Gro Green for Pioneer Cemetery clean up, up to \$2,500. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Sylvester, second by Barkley, to approve annual contract for Sage Software for accounting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Nelson, second by Barkley, to approve MI Par Plan for township insurance and bonds for 2025-2026 year for \$30,867.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supv. Sylvester emailed a letter of support for Cherry Capital Connections for all board members to submit if they chose to do so.

Motion by Barritt, second by Nelson to approve the new road recommendations, paving Steckert Bridge and Deerheart Valley Roads. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Nelson, second by Barritt to approve new road and general fund budgets by increasing general fund transfer to roads from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supv. Sylvester provided a letter of support for the Mason-Griffith Founders Trout Unlimited Chapter 001 to work on restoration projects for AuSable and Upper Manistee River Associations.

FYI – RAPS bond election is May 6th. Clerk hours Sat. May 3rd, 8:30 – 4:30; and Mon. May 5th, 9:00 – 4:00.

Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm