

Sylvan Township
May 2, 2022

The board meeting for Sylvan Township was called to order by Supervisor Angie Moore at 6:01 p.m. on May 2nd, 2022 at the Sylvan Township Hall.

Members Present: Angela Moore, Supervisor Sheila Robinson, Trustee
Angela Reagan, Treasurer Jeff Reagan, Trustee
Terry Pritchard, Clerk

Members Absent:

Guests: Ted Wojcik, Mike Gabrion, Tony & Nancy Guisbert, Noel & Stephanie Senecal, Tim & Alicia Michell, Carol Wojcik, Beverly Mills, Taylor Sheeley, and Greg Barnett

Minutes for the March 7th, 2022 regular board meeting were read by Terry. Jeff Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Angie Reagan. Motion carried.

Minutes for the March 21st, 2022 annual budget meeting were read by Terry. Sheila Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff Reagan. Motion carried.

In public comments:

- ✓ County Commissioner Tim Michell was present to announce he will be running for the position again in this election cycle.
- ✓ He informed the board that there is a concern over the ambulance services in the county as 11 employees have left the service since the beginning of the year. If an ambulance is used for transport that leaves only one ambulance for the whole county.
- ✓ The county is investigating the possibility of combining the district and circuit court facilities to reduce costs. The county purchased a \$400,000 church on Upton Avenue for \$100,000. The building needs renovations but could be used for office space.
- ✓ The county also purchased Hersey Elementary for the Council on Aging.
- ✓ Tim also announced the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency has \$19,000,000 to help people who are struggling.
- ✓ The state will open grant applications next month for matching ARPA funds.

In old business:

- ✓ The March Board of Review was completed with 30 petitions filed. The next Board of Review is in July for clerical errors and mutual mistakes, as well as poverty and veterans exemptions.
- ✓ The meeting with the road commission was held in March. The board was able to express concerns over the lack of timely road grading and the desire to have ditching done. Jeff will contact our driver to arrange a time to look for trouble spots on which to place the gravel we purchased last year. The board also brought up the issue with the 11 Mile Rd. bridge and the OCRC said they will investigate it further. A second brining was also discussed and a quote of \$16,646.40 was sent to the board for 32.64 miles of gravel roads. The board was informed our other brining (paid for by the county) will be last on the schedule and would not be done until the end of July. Jeff will be contacting a private company (Beckman) to get a quote for dust control.

In new business:

- ✓ Township clean-up day will be June 11th from 8 am until noon.
- ✓ An increase in prices for the cost of grave digging and cremation interment was discussed by the board. To be in line with other townships, Terry suggested raising our rate to \$450 for regular burials on weekdays and \$500 on weekends. Burial of cremains is suggested to increase to \$125 for

weekdays and \$150 for weekends. Terry will make the revisions to the ordinance for the June meeting and present for approval at that time.

- ✓ Taylor Sheeley from Brooks Elite Contracting was at the meeting to present two proposals for building a website for the township. See the attached proposals for details. The board will look at the proposals and make a decision at the June meeting.
- ✓ Angie Reagan made a motion to move \$100,000 from the MFCU Credit Union to our Huntington Bank money market account due to the fact that we have over \$250,000 in the general fund savings account. Terry Pritchard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In Fire Department News:

- ✓ There was a mudflap issue with the new truck and it was dumping water on the way to a fire. The company has fixed the issue.
- ✓ The station is being manned all day now and it is working well. The workers are cleaning, washing trucks, training, and getting out into the community during this time.
- ✓ They have been doing safety training at the school to prepare for threatening incidents.
- ✓ Shane issued a statement regarding his concern for the ambulance services.

Assessor's Update:

- ✓ Greg Barnett reported that he is about 99% finished with the re-appraisal.
- ✓ Greg also reported that the assessed values increased approximately \$14.5 million while the taxable values increased approximately \$4.5 million.
- ✓ Greg will be attending the AMAR review next month.

Terry Pritchard made a motion to receive the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jeff Reagan, motion carried. A motion to pay bills was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Sheila Robinson, motion carried. All bills were reviewed with checks #3253-3290 in the amount of \$16,062.67 were paid. This total includes both March and April bills.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Sheila Robinson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Pritchard
Sylvan Township Clerk