

Sylvan Township  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The board meeting for Sylvan Township was called to order by Supervisor Angie Moore at 6:00 p.m. on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Sylvan Township Hall.

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

Guests: Tim & Alicia Michell, Ted Wojcik, Carol Wojcik, Jeff Nadig

Minutes for the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular board meeting were read by Terry Pritchard. Jeff Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Angie Reagan. Motion carried.

In old business:

- ✓ Jeff Nadig was present to receive information concerning the duties of blight ordinance officer. Terry will forward his information to Jennifer Brooks in order for it to be added to the township website.

In new business:

- ✓ Angie Moore received a PA 116 Farmland Preservation application from Wirth Farms LLC for property on US-10. The application does not affect property taxes or parcel value. Jeff Reagan made a motion to approve the PA 116 application, Angie Reagan seconded. Motion carried.
- ✓ Angie Reagan will check with the new credit union in Ewart concerning interest rates for our monies currently in Huntington Bank. The Huntington account has a recurring monthly charge that Angie has to call the bank every month in order to have the charge reversed and the interest rate is not very good.
- ✓ Angie Reagan will begin representing the township at OCTA meetings.

In public comments:

- ✓ Tim Michell reported that while attending a Northern Michigan County Alliance meeting it was stated that solar farms are being promoted and there could be an attempt to override township control in townships that have zoning preventing such activity.
- ✓ Mr. Michell also reported that there is some talk of changing the septic code where residents could be charged \$3000 and be required to have septic tanks inspected and pumped every five years.
- ✓ Mr. Michell also reported concerns in the county over early childhood education opportunities.

In Fire Department News:

- ✓ The monthly staffing update indicated that 73% of the shifts were covered.
- ✓ The update on the dry hydrants is that the Spring Hill site is a go, however, the paperwork for the Lake Miramichi site will not be completed by the due date. Shane will attempt to negotiate the use of the funds already awarded by the DNR.
- ✓ The board is awaiting approval of the Michigan Fire Equipment grant and the plan is to purchase radios with the money. They are still waiting to hear about the Firehouse Subs grant.
- ✓ The board had a discussion concerning upgrades to the current building or a new building.
- ✓ The board is looking into the possibility of putting money left over from the previous year into a CD to earn interest.
- ✓ The department has added three new members. Ladder and hose testing is upcoming in the next few months.

Terry Pritchard made a motion to receive the treasurer's report, Jeff Reagan seconded. Motion carried. A motion to pay bills was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Sheila Robinson. Motion carried. All bills were reviewed with checks #3591-3612 in the amount of \$39,112.68 were paid.

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Pritchard, seconded by Jeff Reagan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Pritchard  
Sylvan Township Clerk