

Sylvan Township  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The board meeting for Sylvan Township was called to order by Supervisor Angie Moore at 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024 at the Sylvan Township Hall.

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

Guests: Ted Wojcik, Mike Gabrion, Tim & Alicia Michell, Anthony Guisbert, Merry Cook, and Eron Ducolon

Minutes for the March 4, 2024 regular board meeting were read by Terry Pritchard. Angie Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Sheila Robinson. Motion carried. Minutes for the March 18, 2024 annual budget meeting were read by Terry Pritchard. Angie Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff Reagan. Motion carried.

In old business:

- ✓ The annual meeting with the road commission was attended by Jeff Reagan, Angie Moore, and Terry Pritchard. The road commission indicated that they will be brining, ditching, and pulling the sides of the roads this summer. We are second on the list for brining and they expect to do that between mid-May and the end of the month.
- ✓ The annual tire collection dates are May 16 and 17 from 8 am until 5 pm and also May 18 from 8 am until noon. There is a small charge for each tire. The conservation district is also having a tire collection in Reed City on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am until noon. Electronics will also be accepted at this time.
- ✓ The annual township rubbish collection day is June 8 from 8 am until noon. Angie has confirmed the date and time with Independent Waste Services.
- ✓ There is also a hazardous waste disposal on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 pm until 6 pm in Baldwin.
- ✓ Sheila Robinson brought bids for the sign on the front of the hall. Before accepting either bid, Sheila will find out what sign materials are used for each sign. The decision is tabled until the June meeting.
- ✓ Terry Pritchard shared the latest correspondence from Ken Ford regarding the harvesting of the trees. The letter indicated there are 497 cords available to be harvested. He will be receiving bids and contact the board shortly after May 16.

In new business:

- ✓ A discussion was held concerning the offer from the county to give 6.3 acres at Crawford Park to the township. The board has some questions that need to be answered before taking any action. Tim Michell will be gathering information from the parks commission and the board of commissioners. The discussion is tabled until more information is available.

In public comments:

- ✓ Commissioner Tim Michell reported that the board of commissioners needs to have a vote by the end of the year concerning a site to put our recycled materials within the county. They are currently having conversations with Isabella County regarding the issue.
- ✓ At the solar energy meeting, the fact that the state can mandate solar farms through the public service commission was discussed. A petition has been started to put a bill on the November ballot that will make the current legislation null and void and return local control to townships/cities.
- ✓ A resident asked if the ordinance suggested by the blight ordinance officer at the last meeting would provide any help in enforcing the ordinance. According to the attorney, if the resident doesn't pay the ticket, the resident has to be ticketed again for the same date and the same violation and turned over to

the district court. From experience, the courts are not enforcing the tickets we have submitted. It was suggested that the resident report any violations of the ordinance directly to the ordinance officer.

- ✓ A resident asked if the township receives any revenue from Airbnbs. Since the township is not zoned, the answer is no.
- ✓ Mike Gabrion provided contact for a builder who has done some remodeling at the Middle Branch township hall.

In Fire Department News:

- ✓ The new radios have arrived and the money from the grant has paid for them.
- ✓ The drawings have been submitted for the dry hydrants.
- ✓ Money was needed in the budget for computers and phones to put in the offices in the part of the building currently occupied by EMS.
- ✓ The board is discussing where to move some money since there is too much money in one bank. They will be discussing the issue with the auditors.
- ✓ Firefighter training is going well. There are currently 27 firefighters.
- ✓ Shane is currently collecting information concerning selling two trucks and getting a new chassis to put on a different truck.
- ✓ The reporting system is not working. Shane is looking for a system that will be able to generate reports for townships.
- ✓ There was much discussion concerning a building project. It appears that adding on will be the most cost-effective option. They are hoping to narrow down the wants/needs with the architect next week.
- ✓ There have been 171 calls this year through the end of March. Due to high call volumes and increased salaries, Shane has been limiting weekend coverage to one firefighter instead of two.
- ✓ The library asked to have some firefighters attend an event at the library and read to children.
- ✓ The department is seeking new bids on waste disposal.
- ✓ It was reported that the Evert fireworks are questionable at this time.

Jeff Reagan made a motion to receive the treasurer's report, Terry Pritchard 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 #3720-3767 in the amount of \$32,828.44. were paid. This total includes both March and April bills.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Angie Reagan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Pritchard  
Sylvan Township Clerk