

Sylvan Township
June 3rd, 2024

The board meeting for Sylvan Township was called to order by Supervisor Angie Moore at 6:02 p.m. on June 3, 2024 at the Sylvan Township Hall.

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

Guests: Ted Wojcik and Tim & Alicia Michell

Minutes for the May 6, 2024 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:

- ✓ Township rubbish day is Saturday, June 8th from 8 am until noon.
- ✓ County commissioner, Tim Michell, said the board of commissioners is not interested in giving the Crawford Park property to the township if the intent is to sell the property to another entity. They are leaning toward giving the property to the DNR but have tabled the issue for now. If they do give it to the DNR, they will seek restrictions to keep it a park and make improvements. Jeff Reagan made a motion to draft a letter in support of the county board of commissioners' restrictions on the land from the township. Seconded by Terry Pritchard, motion carried.
- ✓ Terry Pritchard presented the contract for the harvesting of the pines on township property. Jeff Reagan made a motion to accept the bid from Biewer Lumber in the amount of \$38,142 to harvest the pines, seconded by Terry Pritchard. Motion carried.

In new business:

- ✓ There is no board meeting in July.
- ✓ The biannual audit begins on Wednesday, June 5 and will last approximately two days.

In public comments:

- ✓ County Commissioner Tim Michell reported that the new EMS building is up and running.
- ✓ He also reported that Osceola County will partner with Isabella County in a recycling initiative. Those in charge will be reaching out to township supervisors soon. They would like to have drop-offs in the four quadrants of the county.
- ✓ The board of commissioners is having discussions around housing county inmates at the Clare County jail. This would likely result in the loss of 14 positions in corrections.

In Fire Department News:

- ✓ There was a lot of confusion as to what accounts contained the different monies for the fire department so new accounts were made with new labels. The money is now more easily tracked.
- ✓ There is still a plan to move some money to a different bank due to the large total in just one bank.
- ✓ Shane reported 98% staff coverage. He is still managing the number of staff covering the shifts to make sure payroll stays on budget.
- ✓ The board decided against putting phone/internet in the part of the building previously occupied by the EMS due to it being cost prohibitive at this time.
- ✓ An architect will be attending the next meeting to put a quote together on building renovations. They will discuss wants and needs for the building.
- ✓ They discussed the new policy for digital use.
- ✓ There is a backup plan for the reporting software, however, they are hoping to get the promises that were made concerning the current software fulfilled.

- ✓ There was a discussion concerning mutual aid and who is responsible for worker's compensation.
- ✓ It was reported that half of the firefighters are medical first responders.

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 Terry Pritchard. Motion carried. All bills were reviewed with checks #3768-3788 in the amount of \$8,297.52. were paid.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Terry Pritchard. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Pritchard
Sylvan Township Clerk