

Sylvan Township
March 3rd, 2025

The board meeting for Sylvan Township was called to order by Clerk Terry Pritchard at 6:03 p.m. on March 3rd, 2025, at the Sylvan Township Hall.

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

Guests: Dean DeKryger, Merry Cook, Ted Wojcik, and Mike Gabrion

Minutes for the February 3rd, 2025, regular board meeting were read by Terry Pritchard. Sheila Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff Reagan. Motion carried.

In old business:

- ✓ Dean DeKryger, an architect from DK Design, was present to discuss the necessary actions to begin a remodeling/building project. The group made some schematic drawings back in 2016 that will still be useful in determining our design. Dean will write a proposal and email it to Terry as the next step in the process. There will be some face to face meetings with the board to discuss the design.
- ✓ Jeff Nadig was present to make his annual report to the board. He stated the township was in pretty good shape compared to other townships and the residents were very compliant.
- ✓ The Board of Review organizational meeting is tomorrow at 6 pm and Board of Review is March 10th from 9am until 3pm and March 11th from 3 pm until 6 pm.

In new business:

- ✓ The annual meeting with the Osceola County Road Commission is Wednesday, March 19th at the OCRC building in Hersey. Available board members will attend. Please let the board know of any specific concerns that can be brought to the attention of the road commission.
- ✓ Angie Reagan attended the OCTA meeting this month. A representative from Silent Observer was present to encourage townships to join. There are various levels of support that can be paid to the program for rewards to be paid out. They also talked about the Ride to Wellness program for transporting veterans to any sort of medical appointments. They're seeking grants to help lower the cost of the program to the veterans. They also discussed ways to increase the budget of OCTA to help with costs associated with bringing in speakers to the meetings.
- ✓ In order to invest in the Michigan Class Investment, the township must adopt an Investment Policy. Angie Reagan made a motion to accept the Sylvan Township Investments Policy presented, Sheila Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Angie Reagan has been in contact with the representative from Michigan Class and will schedule a meeting with him.
- ✓ Sheila Robinson made a motion to approve the fire budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Angie Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- ✓ A resident expressed appreciation for the changes to the website that made it easier to navigate.

In Fire Department News:

- ✓ Shane reported that paid staff is at 90%.
- ✓ The board voted to raise Angie Cushman's wage to \$15 per hour.
- ✓ The document scanning should have been completed by the end of February.
- ✓ There is a proposal with the city for the vacant property to go back to the fire department as long as they move toward using it within 5 years.

- ✓ Due to new laws concerning sick leave, the firemen hours need to be tracked. The attorneys are looking at how it would work for Shane and Angie.
- ✓ The Ewart and LeRoy fire departments will be taking over the runs to Cedar Township. LeRoy will cover 75% of the township while Ewart will cover the south 25%. The agreement is still in progress.
- ✓ Approval was granted to purchase a tablet and internet for the command vehicle.
- ✓ There were 546 calls last month with 12 to Sylvan Township.

Jeff Reagan made a motion to receive the treasurer's report, Sheila Robinson 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 #3940-3957 in the amount of \$11,597.23 paid with \$6,265.88 being a transfer of the DNR funds to the tax account for disbursement.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Reagan, seconded by Sheila Robinson. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Pritchard
Sylvan Township Clerk