

Sigel Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sigel Township Hall, 5784 Sand Beach Rd, Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Maurer at 5:03 pm. Board members present: Maurer, Bischer, Sweeney, Essenmacher and Grekowicz. Also in attendance were Rusty Lemanski, Ryan Ramsey, Greg Woodke, Clint Balcer, Joel Kiehl, Jonathon Koets, Lauren Lackowski, and Jason Lermont.

Minutes were approved from the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Meeting. Motion Grekowicz, second Sweeney to approve minutes with corrections. Motion Carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$826,001.96. Income of \$9,911.93 and Expenses of \$5,126.32 for an ending balance of \$810,787.57. Fire Fund starting balance \$435,968.05. Income of \$390.98 and Expenses of \$850.49 for an ending balance of \$435,508.54. Road Fund starting balance \$29,858.29. Income of \$22.06 and Expenses of \$6,305.17 for an ending balance of \$23,575.18. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,269,871.29 Motion Essenmacher, second Bischer to approve all 3 treasurer reports. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Grekowicz, second Sweeney to pay months bills in the following amounts. General Fund \$5,126.32 checks 1262-1266. Fire Fund \$850.49 checks 1914-1917. Road Fund \$6,305.17 check 1072. Motion Carried 5-0.

Ryan Ramsey and Greg Woodke from Eastern Huron Ambulance presented to the board the need to increase funding for ambulance services. Eastern Huron Ambulance is proposing paying workers who are on call \$10/hour. Currently workers who are on call do not get paid unless there is a call. They believe that this will help recruit and retain personnel. The estimated cost to pay on call staff is \$200,000 per year. The cost of replacing ambulances has also increased substantially, creating additional budget shortfalls. Eastern Huron Ambulance requested the per resident fee be increased from \$10 per resident to \$40 per resident to cover the increased costs.

Motion Grekowicz, second Essenmacher to approve the Eastern Huron Ambulance rate increase for service to the east side of the Township at \$40 per resident. Motion Carried 5-0.

Jonathon Koets from the Ted Hartleb Agency reviewed the Township Insurance coverage with EMC Insurance Companies. The coverage is like previous years with an annual premium increase of \$127.

Supervisor Maurer reported on road projects.

Clerk Bischer reported on the November Election. Voter turnout was high. Eighty-two percent of the registered voters voted in the November Election. Including 51 voting early at City Hall in Harbor Beach, 57 Absentee voters and 184 voting in-person on Election Day.

Joel Kiehl reported that the Central Huron Ambulance continues to move forward with creating a governing body and starting a Special Assessment to increase funding.

Firefighters reported on activity in the Township, and they are planning their Christmas Party like previous years.

Plaques were present to outgoing Board Members Brad Essenmacher for 16 years of service, Bernie Sweeney for 20 years of service, and Richard Maurer for 45 years of service to the Township. Their service and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Motion Essenmacher, second Sweeney to adjourn meeting. Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Dennis Bischer, Sigel Township Clerk