

Sigel Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 20th, 2024

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Maurer at 8:04 pm. Board members present: Maurer, Bischer, Essenmacher, Sweeney and Grekowicz. Also in attendance were Fire Fighters Joel Kiehl and Jason Lermont, resident Ernie Balcer and Jeff Haines from DTE.

Minutes were approved from the April 16th, 2024, Meeting. Motion Grekowicz, second Sweeney to approve minutes. Motion Carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$862,290.16. Income of \$8,731.01 and Expenses of \$5,591.64 for an ending balance of \$866,379.19. Fire Fund starting balance \$444,448.32. Income of \$217.19 and Expenses of \$8,235.93 for an ending balance of \$436,429.58. Road Fund starting balance \$403,401.86. Income of \$314.30 for an ending balance of \$403,716.16. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,706,524.93. Motion Essenmacher, second Bischer to approve all 3 treasurer reports. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Bischer, second Grekowicz to pay months bills in the following amounts. General Fund \$5,591.64 checks 1208-1212. Fire Fund \$8,235.93 checks 1883-1887. Road Fund \$0.00. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Grekowicz, second Bischer to pay the Huron County Road Commission \$350,803.00 for 100% percent of the asphalt and 75% of the gravel for paving Minden Rd north of M-142. Motion Carried 5-0.

Clerk Bischer reported on the progress of the website. The sigeltownship.gov domain has been submitted. Approval will take 6-8 weeks. In the meantime, Clerk Bischer is working with Civic Clarity on the website design.

Clerk Bischer reported on the upcoming August primary election and the candidates on the ballot for the Township offices.

Firefighters reported on activities in the township and that the five new firefighters have completed their training and passed the testing.

During Public Comment, Ernie Balcer asked about completing Duda Rd west of Parisville Rd to Johnston Rd. He also asked about building Duda Rd from Johnston Rd to McDonald Rd. The board took the request under advisement. Also, during public comment, Jeff Haines with DTE discussed the possibility of DTE repowering the Sigel Township Wind Farm. It is still in the engineering phase but could result in the existing wind towers being replaced with more efficient models. He also noted that DTE plans to work with local zoning authorities despite zoning for green energy occurring at the State level.

Motion Bischer, second Grekowicz to adjourn meeting. Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 9:08pm.

Dennis Bischer, Sigel Township Clerk