

Sigel Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 17, 2025

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bischer at 5:04 pm. Board members present: Bischer, Lackowski, Grekowicz, Kiehl, and Balcer. Also in attendance were Jason Lermont, Rusty Lemanski, and Jeff Haines.

Minutes were approved from the January 20, 2025, meeting. Motion Grekowicz, second Kiehl to approve minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$774,301.02. Income of \$12,431.11 and expenses of \$7,486.31 for an ending balance of \$779,245.82. Fire Fund starting balance of \$459,433.72. Income of \$10,146.57 and expenses of \$7,654.28 for an ending balance of \$461,926.01. Road Fund starting balance \$71,163.13. Income of \$19,803.89 and expenses of \$0.00 for an ending balance of \$90,967.02. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,332,138.85. Motion Kiehl, second Balcer to approve all three treasurer reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Lackowski, second Grekowicz to pay months bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$7,486.31 checks 1297-1305. Fire Fund \$7,654.28 checks 1928-1936. No bills were paid out of the Road Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer reported on road projects. The millage was passed in November; Bischer advised that board members work to develop a long-term plan for any road improvements that will benefit the township residents. These ideas will be presented and prioritized in the future.

The Earned Sick Time Act was briefly discussed; it was decided that the board will review this again next month as the act is still in legislature.

The settlement meeting will be Monday, March 17th, 2025, following the township board meeting.

There was a motion made by Grekowicz, seconded by Kiehl to approve the date for the annual meeting and budget public hearing for Monday, March 24th, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm, starting with the annual meeting and the budget hearing to follow. Motion was carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer inquired about hiring someone to clean the township hall. Kiehl suggested the fireman can clean during their monthly meetings as they already complete some of those tasks.

TEC is anticipating there will be fiberoptic internet available to the township in June 2025. Bischer will contact TEC to sign up to receive service once it is available.

Central Huron Ambulance is still working on completing bylaws.

Firefighter Lermont reported new pagers have arrived and been distributed, but the radios are not anticipated to be delivered until April. Four firefighters were measured for their new turnout gear through the DNR grant. The activity in the township has been minimal.

Jeff Haines, from DTE, reported that the rebuild is coming. There are still logistics to be worked out; however, there has been great interest from township landowners. With a rebuild project, the depreciation schedule will start over as brand new. Haines also mentioned that there are no solar panel plans for the area.

Multiple persons present inquired about the snow removal, if the snow can be pushed back farther to create more accessible parking. Bischer will consult with the snow removal service.

Motion Grekowicz, second Balcer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Lauren Lackowski, Sigel Township Clerk