

Sigel Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2025
Sigel Township Hall, 5784 Sand Beach Rd, Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bischer at 8:00 pm. Board members present: Bischer, Lackowski, Grekowicz, Kiehl, and Balcer. Also in attendance were Commissioner John Hunt and firefighters Rusty Lemanski and Jason Lermont.

Minutes were approved from the March 17, 2025, meeting. Motion Kiehl, second Grekowicz to approve minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$961,131.32. Income of \$1,752.95 and expenses of \$42,228.85 for an ending balance of \$920,655.42. Fire Fund starting balance of \$563,320.13. Income of \$6,936.01 and expenses of \$50,496.17 for an ending balance of \$519,759.97. Road Fund starting balance \$289,441.59. Income of \$15,472.91 and expenses of \$15,303.00 for an ending balance of \$289,611.50. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,730,026.89. Motion Balcer, second Kiehl to approve all three treasurer reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Kiehl, second Lackowski to pay months bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$42,228.85 checks 1327-1368. Fire Fund \$50,496.17 checks 1941-1949. Road Fund \$15,303.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer reported on road projects. Bischer completed a ride along with Bruce Holdwick, and a job contract for 2025 was formulated for review. The estimated cost to add gravel to nine sections of roads was \$260,000. An additional cost of \$32,500 to general patch gravel where needed, crack seal asphalt, and brush spray was added for a total of \$292,500. Motion Grekowicz, second Kiehl to approve the 2025 job contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer also reviewed the 2024 asphalt pacer ratings. North Minden Rd had the best rating with a 10, and N MacDonald Rd from M-142 to Kipper Rd had the lowest rating with a 5 followed by the N MacDonald Rd from Kipper to Section Line with a 6. Bischer received an estimate for chip sealing on MacDonald Rd from M-142 to Section Line Rd for \$125,450. Bischer was advised this section of road could wait until 2026 to receive additional treatment if needed. There are multiple chip sealed roads in Huron County; board members will drive them to determine if this is a road treatment that should be completed. Motion Balcer, second Grekowicz to table decision until May meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer brought a typed list of recommendations for Strategic Road Improvements. Board members rated their top 3 projects; results were recorded by the Supervisor. No immediate decisions were made, and the Improvements Plan will be revisited later as this is a long-term plan.

No new information was found on the Earned Sick Time Act. Will continue to discuss at future meetings.

Treasurer Grekowicz renewed a CD at Thumb Bank and Trust for 4% interest for 12 months.

Central Huron Ambulance will be holding a meeting with a lawyer and board members later this week to help clarify any questions townships may have regarding the special assessment.

The fire department had multiple calls this month including a semi roll over accident and house fire. Both were successful calls. The two new radios will be arriving this month with the state system integrated. The old jaws of life were sold to the Port Austin Fire Department, and the new jaws of life were delivered.

Commissioner Hunt reported that there will be an upcoming public hearing for the Solar Panel and Battery Storage Ordinance. Hunt and other commissioners feel that there needs to be periodic soil and water testing for contamination at these sites to deem it safe.

Jason Lermont inquired about the need to research purchasing additional land around the township hall. Supervisor Bischer reported that he plans to discuss more specific details regarding the future and would like to complete that prior to engaging in conversations with landowners.

Motion Kiehl, second Grekowicz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Lauren Lackowski, Sigel Township Clerk