

Sigel Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 19th, 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, Kiehl, and Balcer. Grekowicz was absent and excused. Also in attendance were firefighter Jason Lermont, county commissioner John Hunt, and resident Sandy Guza.

Minutes were approved from the April 21st, 2025, meeting. Motion Kiehl, second Balcer to approve minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$920,655.42. Income of \$11,283.77 and expenses of \$5,461.29 for an ending balance of \$926,477.90. Fire Fund starting balance of \$519,759.97. Income of \$10,265.81 and expenses of \$12,572.84 for an ending balance of \$517,452.94. Road Fund starting balance \$289,611.50. Income of \$177.95 and expenses of \$0.00 for an ending balance of \$289,789.45. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,733,720.29. Motion Balcer, second Lackowski to approve all three treasurer reports. Motion carried 4-0.

One bill was received this month but is not due until July. Motion Kiehl, second Lackowski to pay the bill next month when treasurer Grekowicz is present. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hunt reported they are still pursuing enforcement of soil testing for contaminants at the incoming solar and battery storage area. It is likely that composite testing will be completed, but no final decisions have been made as DTE does not feel it is necessary.

Hunt also reported there will be training completed in the county building to help employees learn about financials and fundings. There will be professionals discussing topics related to the commissioners as well. There has been minimal discussion related to hiring a professional to aid the county treasurer.

Supervisor Bischer reported on road projects. A traffic study was completed at the intersection of Minden Rd and Learman Rd; there were 29 vehicles traveling on Learman and 58 vehicles traveling on Minden in a 24-hour period. There will be 4-way stop signs for one year to transition the change to a 2-way stop with traffic stopping on Learman Rd afterwards.

Bischer received an estimate for road preparation for asphalt on Minden Rd between Learman and Section Line roads, after being advised there will need to be a tube replacement and additional gravel placed on that mile. The estimate was around \$500,000 for preparation with an additional \$185,000 for asphalt. The road commission stated the road was stable to leave as is for another year if needed. Motion Balcer, second Kiehl to leave the road in its current condition for another year. Motion carried 4-0.

Bischer will also be requesting an estimate for chip sealing MacDonald Rd from M-142 to Kipper Rd.

It is to the board's understanding that the firefighters and the deputy clerk and treasurer qualify to accumulate earned sick time under the new Earned Sick Time Act. Firefighters are eligible to accumulate time for scheduled meetings only, not fire calls. The hours worked for firefighters and deputies are already being tracked.

Supervisor Bischer reported the required ARPA report was submitted; this should be the final report.

Central Huron Ambulance is still in the process of explaining the special assessment guidelines to townships. It is anticipated that, if approved, the cost per residential household would be \$50/household. Industrial and commercial buildings would be charged a flat rate based on square footage: 0-50,000 sq ft \$75; 50,000-100,000 sq ft \$150; and 100,000 or more sq ft \$500.

Fire chief Kiehl and firefighter Lermont mentioned the DNR grant is out again, plan to apply. Grant would be paid 50% on bills up to \$10,000.

Sandy Guza inquired about a start date for road brine. Bischer reported Rooney's can start at any time now, and it is anticipated to be soon.

Motion Balcer, second Lackowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Lauren Lackowski, Sigel Township Clerk