

Sigel Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 16th, 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 was Jason Lermont.

Minutes were approved from the May 19th, 2025, meeting. Motion Kiehl, second Balcer to approve minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: General Fund starting balance \$926,477.90. Income of \$73,401.17 and expenses of \$4,820.90 for an ending balance of \$995,058.17. Fire Fund starting balance of \$517,452.94. Income of \$229.11 and expenses of \$3,627.75 for an ending balance of \$514,054.30. Road Fund starting balance \$289,789.45. Income of \$184.00 and expenses of \$0.00 for and ending balance of \$289,973.45. Total of all three ending balances of \$1,799,085.92. Motion Lackowski, second Kiehl to approve all three treasurer reports. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Kiehl, second Grekowicz to pay months bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$4,820.90 checks 1375-1378. Fire Fund \$3,627.75 checks 1955-1960. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Bischer received an invoice from the road commission for 75% of job estimates for 2025 totaling \$209,625.00. Motion Kiehl, second Balcer to pay this bill out of the road fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Grekowicz reported that the Northstar CD renewed for 6 months at 3.85%, down from 4%.

Supervisor Bischer reported on road projects. The brine has been completed, except for the second application on Finkle Rd. A chip seal estimate for MacDonald Rd from 142 to Kipper Rd was received at \$38,000. The estimate is about 50% more than the cost per mile to complete 142 to Section Line Rd. All board members agreed not to complete in 2025 and rediscuss the future of the road for 2026.

New information was reviewed on the Earned Sick Time Act. The MTA posted guidelines on who is considered an employee in the township. Exempt are elected officials (all board members), deputy board members, board of review members, and election inspectors. Firefighters are exempt if they do not have a scheduled set of hours, with no pay and/or penalties; therefore, our firefighters are considered exempt. The board will continue to monitor updates; however, it is believed at this time that there are no township employees that qualify to earn sick time.

Supervisor Bischer began discussing the future of the township/fire hall. It is apparent that more room would be beneficial for the fire department for fire trucks and equipment, as well as a "facelift" for the meeting/election area to improve storage and functionality especially. Bischer provided a list of options on how to improve the hall and board members were able to add to it. The board is to rank their top 3 potential options for next meeting to determine what action would best suit the needs of the township.

The letter "P" is missing from the front of the hall. Instead of replacing the letter, it was discussed to get a more well-labeled sign, especially for new voters. Kiehl will get estimates and designs from local businesses.

Central Huron Ambulance is continuing to work on their special assessment. The deadline is August 1st to return information; our township has submitted the paperwork already.

Fire chief Kiehl reported that the controlled house burn training this month was a success. There is also potential the county will require upgraded radios; our township has many upgraded radios to the state system already.

Kiehl inquired about subscribing all medical first responders and EMTs in the township for CE crediting through a medical company. The cost is \$160/person per year. First responders are required to earn 15 credit hours every 3 years and EMTs are required to earn 30 credit hours every 3 years. Kiehl will receive more information.

Motion Kiehl, second Grekowicz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Lauren Lackowski, Sigel Township Clerk