

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Sagola Community Bldg.
June 3, 2019**

MINUTES

Don Minerick, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Don Minerick, Clerk Julie Roell, Treasurer Rita Rotter, Trustee Tom Roell, Trustee Mike Kroll

Remove from Business (b) Enforcement Officer Review, put on July agenda; (c) Little League Funds. Add to Business (b) Sewer Budget Amendments. **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to approve the amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED**

G. McCole: Gerry read a letter addressed to the Planning Commission and the Township Board regarding the marijuana houses in Channing and the decreasing property values that are occurring.

CJ Kennard: Channing is listed as third in the U.P. for marijuana being transported out; the first being Ironwood, then Caspian.

Beth Richards: Beth and a friend had a confrontation with residents of 6th Street while on a walk. Two dogs came off the property onto the road, barking at them, and the dog owners also came outside. State Police later came to her home with a complaint against her and her friend for threatening the dog owners.

CJ Kennard: Medicinal marijuana card carriers are allowed 12 plants for every client in the home, up to five clients. It was also noted that WE Energies gives a better rate for electricity to medical marijuana card holders.

Betty Miller: GAD has replaced Watson Disposal for Newberg Park dumpster pickup, and GAD will only take fish guts that have been frozen. A freezer was donated and a shelter will be constructed for it. Three new buoys are needed to mark the swim area.

CJ Kennard: CJ thanked the Board for covering the tipping fee cost of the Channing area clean-up.

Moved by T. Roell, Supported by D. Minerick, to approve the 5/6/19 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to pay special bills: Wolverine Fireworks (\$875) down payment; Kleiman (\$1412) well at Comm. Bldg.; Pomasl (\$1183) Fire Dept. shirts/vests; MTA (\$952) annual dues; Hannula (\$14,983) annual insurance coverage; Iron Mtn North Little League (\$250) field maintenance, and all regular bills.

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

All Present

APPROVE AGENDA

Amended Agenda *Approved*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:05 pm

Comments Closed: 6:24 pm

MINUTE APPROVAL

5/6/19 Regular Minutes

Approved

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Special & Regular Bills *Approved*

Rita has ordered three new cemetery signs from Baumann Engraving at the cost of \$255. She would like to attend a treasurer retreat downstate on July 15-16 and asks for reimbursement for mileage, and a one-night hotel stay. **Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by T. Roell, to approve training for Rita with the cost not to exceed \$600.**
MOTION CARRIED

- A Violations Bureau Meeting needs to be scheduled to address the problem of people living in a camper on M95 in Channing. They are using the camper as a residence and are violating our zoning ordinance which allows only one residence per lot.
- Don will contact Midwest Asphalt to get a bid for a sidewalk in Channing.
- MJ Electric will be coming on Wednesday to remove the power from the old hall and to add power for a future pavilion.
- DTE will cut and cap the lines to the old hall in mid-June.
- A new pump for the lift station was ordered from Champion and will be arriving next week.
- Carol Coonrod would like a price for the lot next to Cuculi's. The auction takes place in August for foreclosure properties in the township.
- The new pickup truck is being built.
- Grant Carlson, attorney, would be willing to come and discuss a proposed marijuana ordinance.
- Bice Creek Rd. is one of the three roads to be considered for maintenance.
- A router is needed for the hall thermostat before it can be programmed.

Tom can no longer get the 36" tables through our previous vendor, but can order tables online at the approximate cost of \$1286 for six.

Amy was not present, but put in a request for a new laptop. The Board would like her to obtain quotes.

-Dan reported four page-outs last month, and would like to ask for David Steppig to be reinstated to the Fire Dept. **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by M. Kroll, to reinstate David Steppig to the Fire Dept.**
MOTION CARRIED

-Dan drove down and back to the fireworks training in lower Michigan, and would like reimbursement for 743 miles @.45/mile, \$334.35. Half of the amount would be taken from the Fire Dept. and the other half from the General Fund.

-The July 4th theme will be "America the Beautiful", with parade starting at 1 pm, line up at noon on Turner Rd., bingo and dunk tank from 2-5 PM, and entertainment is Ka-Blitz. Food and beer will be

Treasurer/Rita Rotter
Treasurer Training \$600 *Approved*

Supervisor/Don Minerick

Trustee/Tom Roell
(6) Tables \$1286

Assessor/Amy Marinoff

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief
D. Steppig Appt'd. *Approved*

available for purchase at the Channing Park.

Pam reported three site inspections and one land split. She has worked over 10 hours on the Recreation Plan and has sent it to CUPPAD to have it submitted online. CUPPAD will charge \$60/hour and Richard Smith estimates that it will take 2-3 hours. **Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by M. Kroll, to approve payment to CUPPAD to fill out and send the online Recreation Plan.**

MOTION CARRIED

Pam is still working on fire numbers and is nearing completion.

Ben turned in a written report which is included in these minutes. Ben will be discharging lagoon #2 this week. Ben has been mowing his lawn with township equipment and that is not allowable. Don asked Ben to check the furnace filters in the hall.

Don will speak to Ralph Marinoff regarding the Trash & Recyclable Agreement. Ralph had mentioned a possible increase for services, and we will place the contract on the July agenda.

Sean Beckman suggested amendments to the Sewer budget as advised by USDA in our grant application. These amendments are a part of and included in these Minutes. **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by D. Minerick, to approve the Sewer Fund budget amendments as presented by GEI.** **MOTION CARRIED**

A few changes were made to the Cemetery Ordinance, with the biggest change being Section 12: Vault. The Board discussed at length green burials in lieu of cement vaults. Green burials can be in wooden caskets or burial shrouds and placed anywhere within the cemetery confines. **Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by M. Kroll, to approve the revisions to #107-193 Sagola Township Cemetery Ordinance.**

Roll Call Vote Ayes: **Kroll, T. Roell, Minerick, Rotter, J. Roell**
Nays: None **RESOLUTION APPROVED**

Moved by T. Roell, Supported by M. Kroll, to approve the 2019-2020 STAR Ambulance Budget and Agreement.
MOTION CARRIED

B. Miller: Rita offered to look into ordering three buoys for Newberg Park.

Zoning/Pam Minerick, Adm.
CUPPAD to file Rec Plan
\$60/hour *Approved*

Maintenance/Ben Weber

BUSINESS
Trash/Recyclable Pick-Up Agreement *Moved to July mtg*

Sewer Budget Amendments
(Attached) *Approved*

Cemetery Ordinance Revisions
Resolution Approved

STAR Budget/Agreement
Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT
Comments Opened: 7:32 p.m.
Comments Closed: 7:34 p.m.

J. Roell: **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to reappoint Gerry McCole to another three-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to reappoint Bob Kennard to another two-year term to the Violations Bureau.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by J. Roell, to adjourn the 6/3/19 Regular Meeting at 7:40 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date

BOARD PRIVILEGE

Reappoint G. McCole ZBA

Approved

Reappoint B. Kennard Violations Bureau

Approved

ADJOURNMENT

7:40 p.m.









