

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Sagola Community Bldg.
March 4, 2024**

MINUTES [Approved]

Mike Cline, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Mike Cline, Treasurer Robin Begarowicz, Clerk Julie Roell, Trustees Mike Kroll and Luke Fleming

Remove Business (c) Rec Plan Vote, add Business (c) Highline Cable, (f) Twp. Candidate Forms. **Moved by Roell, supported by Kroll, to approve the amended agenda.**

MOTION CARRIED

WE Energies wants to appeal the SLUP denial for their communications tower off Byers Creek Road. Grant Carlson, township attorney, is in contact with WE Energies attorney. The denial of the permit was due in part to setback limits and lack of documentation of engineering of a collapsible tower, as well as neighboring property owner disapproval. If the appeal goes forward, it will be reviewed by a judge who will then make a decision.

Moved by Kroll, supported by Cline, to approve the 2/5/24 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. *MOTION CARRIED*

Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to approve the 2/5/24 Election Commission meeting minutes as written. *MOTION CARRIED*

Moved by Fleming, supported by Cline, to approve the 2/4/24 Budget Planning meeting minutes. *MOTION CARRIED*

Moved by Roell, supported by Cline to approve special bills: VISA (\$395) Charter Comm. twp. hall bill; Luft's Ad (\$1461) summer property tax bills; Deluxe Checks (\$315) sewer checks; Coleman Engineering (\$918) sewer project fees; Santi Septic (\$955) FD 2022-23 July 4th port-a- potties; O'Dea & Pickens (\$234) Groveland Solar legal fees, and all regular bills. *MOTION CARRIED*

Robin submitted a Treasurer's Report which is included in these Minutes. Robin checked into the Fire Grant which is still in the works.

Moved by Begarowicz, supported by Fleming, to transfer General Funds \$230,000, Road Repair Funds \$69,000, Sewer Receiving Funds \$130,000, from Northern Interstate Bank to MI Class. *MOTION CARRIED*

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 pm

ROLL CALL

All Present

AGENDA

Amended Agenda *Approved*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:08 pm

Comments Closed: 6:20 pm

MINUTE APPROVAL

2/5/24 Regular Minutes *Approved*

2/5/24 Election Comm. *Approved*

2/5/24 Budget Planning *Approved*

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Regular & Special Bills *Approved*

Treasurer/Robin Begarowicz

Transfer of Monies *Approved*

According to the MTA, resolutions are needed to sell township property. **Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to approve selling the small piece of property adjacent to the Randville Bar to Pete Webb at the highest bid of \$750.**

**Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kroll, Fleming, Cline, Roell, Begarowicz
Nays: None**

RESOLUTION #2024-2 APPROVED

Moved by Cline, supported by Kroll, to authorize the sale of the Randville Hall at fair market value.

**Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kroll, Fleming, Cline, Roell, Begarowicz
Nays: None**

RESOLUTION #2024-3 APPROVED

Mike received paving bids on three Randville area roads: Carbis Rd 2/10 of a mile at \$65,000; Herzog to Old 69 1770' at \$110,000; Smith Lane 1100' at \$330,000. Smith needs a lot of prep work due to swampy conditions. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to not pave any roads this year, but to save funding and pave both Carbis and Herzog Roads next year.** **MOTION CARRIED**

Luke: Would twp. residents be in favor of increasing the road millage? An increased millage could be put on the August ballot and if turned down, decrease to current millage on the November ballot.

Amy presented the Board with a Resolution to adopt property tax poverty exemptions. **Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to approve a Resolution providing for property tax poverty exemptions.**

**Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kroll, Fleming, Cline, Roell, Begarowicz
Nays: None**

RESOLUTION 2024-4 APPROVED

Board of Review will take place on Monday, March 11th from 9 am – 3 pm; Wednesday, March 13th from 3 -9 pm. Dickinson County units will be audited by the state tax commission. This audit takes place every five years.

Dan reported no page-outs this past month. The Fire Dept. would like to expand the EMS Building in the future, or build a new garage.

Pam emailed a report which is included in these Minutes. She has been working with Grant Carlson and Julie regarding the WE Energies SLUP appeal.

Don handed in a maintenance report and Lagoon #2 will be discharged after the ice is gone. There have been some issues with the Sagola lift station. Plans for painting the cemetery garage and

**Resolutions to Sell Properties
#2024-2; #2024-3 *Approved***

Supervisor/Mike Cline
No roads to be paved this year
Approved

Trustee/ Luke Fleming

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Assessor/Amy Bucek
Poverty Exemption Resolution
#2024-4 *Approved*

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief

Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick

Maintenance /Don Begarowicz

vault is in the works for the spring. Should bids be sought for siding both buildings and the pit toilet at the cemetery is in serious disrepair.

Nancy was not present.

No new information on sewer project.

Randville property was addressed previously.

High speed internet will be provided to 300 residents in Sagola Twp.
Moved by Cline, supported by Fleming, to grant High Line Cable Service access to Sagola Twp’s right-of-way for highspeed internet.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to amend the 2023-2024 budget for USDA sewer loan revenues to \$672,100.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to amend the 2023-24 budget for Sewer Contracted Services to \$70,000.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to amend the 2023-24 budget for Sewer Capital Outlay to \$504,000.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Cline, supported by Kroll, to set the 2024-2025 monthly meeting dates at 6 pm as follows:

- Tues., 4/2/24 Mon., 10/7/24**
- Mon., 5/6/24 Mon., 11/4/24**
- Mon., 6/3/24 Mon., 12/2/24**
- Mon., 7/1/24 Mon., 1/6/25**
- Mon., 8/5/24 Mon., 2/3/25**
- Tues., 9/3/24 Mon. 3/3/25**

MOTION CARRIED

All township offices are up for election and Julie provided petition forms, affidavits of identity, and qualifying statements at the meeting.

No public comments were offered.

Julie asked for permission to advertise and seek out a new auditor. The Planning Commission is one member short and notices are being posted in the post offices and online.

Moved by Cline, supported by Kroll, to adjourn the 3/4/24 Regular Twp. Meeting at 7:19 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Enforcement Officer/Nancy Reese

BUSINESS

Sewer Constr. Update

Randville Property Sale

High Line Cable Service
Approved

Amend & Finish Budget 2023/24
Approved

Set Monthly Meeting Dates
Approved

Twp. Candidate Forms

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

BOARD PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT
7:19 PM



