

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Sagola Community Bldg.
June 3, 2024**

MINUTES [Approved]

Mike Cline, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Moved by Roell, supported by Fleming, to approve the agenda as written.
MOTION CARRIED

Randville residents near the Reed homes (W8693 Peavy Falls Rd and Co. Rd. 607) are concerned that the blight issue has not been fixed despite coming before the Board in the past and are formally voicing a complaint. Nancy had sent letters and visited in person. The letter fining them was met with a hostile phone call from Carl Reed. Breitung Twp. contracts with the sheriff department to handle blight issues. Mike C. will find out what the cost of contracting services would be.

Moved by Begarowicz, supported by Kroll, to approve the 5/6/24 Regular Meeting Minutes and 5/13/24 Special Meeting Minutes as written.
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Roell, supported by Cline to approve special bills: UP Truck Center (\$7645) F.D. rescue truck repairs; MI Twp. Assoc. (\$1200) annual dues; Bear Claw (\$510) recycle bags; Hannula Ins. (\$23,314) annual insurance renewal; M. Cline (\$336) flag pole and flags; ERA Chevrolet (\$3438) F. D. brush truck repairs, and all regular bills.
MOTION CARRIED

Robin submitted a Treasurer's Report which is included in the Minutes Book. The Randville Hall which is contracted with Leeds Real Estate is up for renewal and the Board approved renewing. There hasn't been any interest at all, and perhaps the price should be decreased. A 40 yd dumpster will be placed in Sagola and another one in Channing from Friday-Sunday June 21-23, or June 24-26, whichever date is open for GFL. Please get the word out to residents! Channing dugouts were priced at \$6000 for both, and a 50% deposit was paid. Materials have been ordered and completion will be 3-4 days once materials have been delivered.

Mike C. reported that he submitted a grant to Circle Power to upgrade streetlights to LED at the cost of \$53,000.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

All Present

AGENDA

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:01 pm

Comments Closed: 6:07 pm

MINUTE APPROVAL

5/6/24 & 5/13/24 Minutes *Approved*

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Regular & Special Bills *Approved*

Treasurer/Robin Begarowicz

Supervisor/Mike Cline

Mike K. handed out information regarding speed limit changes that the Board would have to pass a resolution on. A speed study is needed.

Amy was absent.

Dan reported three page-outs last month. He is preparing for the annual inspection of tires and the OSHA inspection. The F.D. turn-out gear is 16 years old. The cost of a jacket and pants is \$2300. The old system for setting off July 4th fireworks isn't in good shape and a quote was received from COBRA Firing Systems at \$7000 to order a new system. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to purchase a new firing system at \$7000 and expend from the Recreation Fund.**
MOTION CARRIED

Pam reported nine site inspections last month and handed in a written report to be included in the Minutes Book. Elliot Burns is requesting one lot be changed from residential to commercial. Grant Carlson responded to Pam asking what the next step would be with WE Energies.

Don passed out his maintenance report. Signage at Newberg Park and the Channing ballfield has been installed. There was a plugged sewer line in a Channing alley that was jetted out and then inspected with cameras. Bacco will replace a small section of approx. 25 feet. The company that flushed the sewer line is interested in acquiring our Aqua Tech. Coleman Engineers present at the meeting said that sewer lines need only be flushed every 3-5 years. Don will ask Bernie Coonrod to help check the Aqua Tech and see if it is working properly before the Board makes a decision whether to sell it.

There haven't been any applications for the Enforcement Officer's job.

More campsite forms have been ordered locally from The Form House/Print Blvd – 500 ct. Fencing is needed at the Sagola playground area and more concrete bumpers.

The Channing pump station is online and Sagola pumps will be arriving this upcoming week. Valves aren't available until November at the lagoons. Due to issues in Sagola, there has been a change in the completion date. **Moved by Cline, supported by Fleming, to approve the change order to 283 days to complete the contract.**
MOTION CARRIED

Trustee/ Mike Kroll

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessor/Amy Bucek

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen

Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick

Maintenance /Don Begarowicz

Enforcement Officer/None

Recreation Parks

BUSINESS

Sewer Constr. Update

Project Change Order Date

Approved

Moved by Cline, supported by Begarowicz, to pay Coleman Engineering an additional \$9000 for engineering services.

MOTION CARRIED

Mike spoke to Steven Tinti regarding his representation as our township attorney. Mr. Tinti covers the DCRC and DCC and if there was a conflict of interest, he would be representing them first. He charges \$200/hour, with no retainer fee. A letter from the Board with the point of contact has to be sent. **Moved by Fleming, supported by Kroll, to send a letter to ask Mr. Tinti to represent our township.**

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Roell, supported by Fleming, to renew the annual STAR Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Two bids were received for trash pick-up: Chris Ponchaud bid \$33,500/year, and GFL Environmental was at 300 homes/\$10.85/stop/weekly. The township does not have an accurate count of stops, so it was difficult to compare the bid cost. Mr. Caron, GFL Environmental, gave an estimate of \$4000 increase from the other bidder. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to accept \$33,500/year for garbage pick up as stated in the trash pick up contract, with an addendum to put a six (6) bag maximum pick up per household per week.**

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Ponchaud has been helping Ralph with the trash and is familiar with the route.

Moved by Roell, supported by Kroll, to re-appoint Pam Minerick as Zoning Administrator for another two-year term at the same rate of pay.

MOTION CARRIED

The Waste Administrator renewal will be tabled until next month.

Moved by Fleming, supported by Roell, to allow the Central Rally to utilize roads in the north east portion of Sagola Twp.

MOTION CARRIED

Spring Clean-up was discussed during the Treasurer Report.

Costs for flushing out the sewer system should be gathered before selling the Aqua Tech.

Robin developed a subcontractor form that can be mailed out with the summer tax bills. The township would like to have a listing of all **Sewer Constr. Update Cont'd.** Coleman Eng. \$9000

Approved

Attorney Question

Mr. Steven Tinti approved as Township Attorney ***Approved***

STAR Renewal

Approved

Trash Pick-up Bids

Ponchaud \$33,500/year
6 bags/household/week

Approved

Zoning Adm. Renewal

P. Minerick ***Approved***

Waste Adm. Renewal

Tabled until July

Road Use Question *Approved*

Spring Clean-up *Approved*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 7:23 p.m.

Comments Closed: 7:24 p.m.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

Sagola Township contractors that are licensed and insured and type of work they perform.

**Moved by Roell, supported by Kroll, to adjourn the 6/3/24
Regular Twp. Meeting at 7:27 p.m. *MOTION CARRIED***

Minutes submitted by:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date

**ADJOURNMENT
7:27 p.m.**

