



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 3, 2025
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Sommers.
2. PRESENT: Sommers, Thayer, DeLine, Witt, Monahan, McDonald, List
ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Deidre Frolo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; Financial Services Director, Aleigha Crowl; DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Community Development Director, Dan Sika; Parks Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center Coordinator, Lynda Thayer; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Eric Cowles; and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by DeLine, seconded by Monahan, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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February 3, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the January 6, 2025, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Accept the resignation of Tyler Sutherland from the Parks Department.
 - D. Accept the resignation of Steven Weal from the Fire Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. None.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. Approve METRO Act application from Ripple Fiber.
 - B. Approve the use of \$12,500.00 of "Opioid Settlement" money to provide for an Inspirational Speaker (Drug Education) at Swan Valley Middle School and Swan Valley High School.
 - C. Authorize Spicer Engineering to begin Design, Permitting, and Bidding of Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation at 8969 Gratiot for \$30,000.

- D. Approve the bid in the amount of \$80,100.00 to Andrews, Hooper, & Pavlik, PLC to complete the annual audit with the option to extend contract for three more years.
 - E. Approve the repair Pump 2 at Pump Station 1 located at the corner of South River and Stroebel Roads for a cost of \$18,000.00-\$27,000.00.
 - F. Approve Letter of Intent to Purchase Fleet Trucks from McDonald Ford in FY 2025-26.
 - G. Approve the Six Year Road Improvement Plan.
10. Reports
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| A. Supervisor | E. Community Development | I. Police Dept |
| B. Clerk | F. DPW | J. Parks & Recreation |
| C. Treasurer | G. Finance | K. Nature Center |
| D. Manager | H. Fire Dept. | L. Board Members |
- 11. Executive Session
 - A. None
 - 12. Adjournment
5. Motion was made by DeLine, seconded by Monahan, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the January 6, 2025 regular meeting.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$7,788,064.57

Clearing Fund	\$3,249.58
General Fund	\$744,594.09
Public Safety-Fire Department	\$25,726.92
Fire Apparatus	\$11,312.83
Public Safety-Police Department	\$18,882.88
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Downtown Development Authority	\$6,992.54
Revolving Road Fund	\$0.00
SSRP Grant	\$1,928,599.80
Sewer Fund	\$60,740.22
Sewer Improvements Grant Fund	\$5,650.00
Water Fund	\$360,061.42
Municipal Refuse	\$80,059.14
Technology Fund	\$2,263.11
Tax	\$4,516,810.27
 - C. Accepted the resignation of Tyler Sutherlund from the Parks Department.
 - D. Accepted the resignation of Steven Weal from the Fire Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
- A. None.
7. Public Hearing
- A. None.
8. Unfinished Business
- A. None.
9. New Business
- A. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by McDonald, to approve the Metro Act Application by Open Fiber Michigan, LLC (dba Ripple Fiber). Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by DeLine, to approve the use of \$12,500.00 of “Opioid Settlement” funds to provide for an inspirational speaker at Swan Valley Middle School and Swan Valley High School. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Monahan, to authorize Spicer Engineering to begin design, permitting, and bidding of the gravity sewer rehabilitation at 8969 Gratiot Road in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. It was moved by Witt, seconded by List, to approve the bid in the amount of \$80,100.00 to Andrews, Hooper, & Pavlik, PLC, to complete the annual audit with the option to extend contract for three more years. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Witt, to approve the repair of Pump 2 at Pump Station 1, located at the corner of South River and Stroebel Roads for a cost of \$18,000.00-\$27,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Witt, to approve the Letter of Intent to purchase fleet trucks from McDonald Ford in fiscal year 2025-26. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by Witt, seconded by List, to approve the Six-Year Road Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Report of Officers and Staff:
- A. Supervisor's Report – none.
 - B. Clerk's Report –none
 - C. Treasurer's Report – Thank you to Allie, who has agreed to be Deputy Treasurer for a four-year term.
 - D. Manager's Report – reminder of the Budget Hearings scheduled next Monday, February 10th at the Fire Department training Room. Refreshments served at 4:30 p.m. with Hearings beginning at 5:00 p.m.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report. January was a tough month. A lot of long days. Wants it on record of how proud he is of the DPW Workers for putting in long hours and efforts with no complaint.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report; push for prevention, also now will be highlighting a Firefighter each month on the Facebook page.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report; Cooper is doing well as is Matt.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report; even though he is leaving, will still be working with Tyler as all Parks Directors do collaborate, estimate for Pool repair but still unsure due to a lack of Life Guards. Discussion of a splash pad.
 - K. Receive and file the Nature Center report; will be having another luminaire night for Valentine's Day.
 - L. Board Member Reports-None.
11. Executive Session:
- A. None.
12. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated