

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP
December 18, 2023
Regular Meeting
26 Saline St., Petersburg, MI 49270

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Lucarelli at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Wiederhold, Seegert, Goodin, Strahan and Lucarelli present.

Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Seegert and supported by Strahan to approve the November 20th regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

Received \$1,683.54 from D&P Cable for franchise fees. Received \$9179 from Horak's for the 2023 farm rent. Deposited \$5.00 into the ARPA fund to keep it from going dormant. Total monies in all accounts are \$3,558,632.66. Motion by Goodin and supported by Seegert to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pay Bills: Clerk Goodin presented checks. Motion by Seegert and supported by Lucarelli to pay checks #34082-#34124 in the amount of \$62,773.12 and fire withholding monies in the amount of \$28,884 was refunded to claimants. Motion carried.

Fire Report

The board recognized Chief Lucas and Captain Randy LaRocca for over forty years of service on the Summerfield Volunteer Fire Department. Both started on September 8th, 1983.

47 calls in the month of November.

28 rescues	11 assist
2 standby	6 fire
27 calls in the township, 7 in the city and 13 mutual aid call.	

Chief Lucas stated the hummer is out of service due to the tires. Looking at new tires and rims. If residents would like Santa to visit Christmas Eve, please call Nick Lucas prior to noon on Sunday, December 24th. City residents should leave a porch light on. Santa will start his visits at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

- a) Bacon Road Culvert Replacement – Tim Csurgo from the Monroe County Drain Commission gave an update on the Lockwood drain and it is winding down. He stated that the culvert on Bacon Road that had been previously discussed needs to be replaced as it was installed in the early 1900s and the labor and material rate will never be lower than now. Mr. Csurgo said the cost of the entire project would be \$114,200. Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to contract with the MCDC to replace the Bacon Road culvert. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b) Clerk Compensation for State/Federal Elections – Clerk Goodin discussed the extra duties and responsibilities placed on Michigan Clerks due to new election laws. Per Michigan Township Association clerks cannot be compensated extra for statutory duties which includes election, but the salary can be increased. Motion by Wiederhold and supported by Lucarelli to increase the Clerk's annual salary by \$1,200 which will make it \$28,318.08 and the hourly rate for Deputy

Susan Shafer will increase by \$1.00/hour which will be \$16/hour. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

- c) State Reporting Software Update for Fire Department- Asst. Chief Schall provided two quotes. We currently utilize ESO, but they were recently bought out and their service has changed. The annual fee for reporting services is \$5,023.50/1st year, \$3,978/2nd year and \$4,420/3rd year. Several neighboring departments utilize Emergency Networking for their reporting and are pleased with it. I have also done training modules and happy with the ease of their program. The cost is \$4,032.50 for 2024. Motion by Lucarelli to contract with Emergency Networking and supported by Goodin. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Fire Hall Door Access System – Asst. Chief Schall obtained quotes from three vendors to upgrade the locks/entrance at the fire hall due to a previous incident. The power went out and the generator failed. We were not able to gain entrance into the hall for over ten minutes and found out there was not a battery back-up. The quotes were as follows to upgrade to a cloud-based system:
- McElheney - \$5,411.21
 - Propel Tech & Electric - \$3,312.58
 - Johnson Controls - \$7,238.62

Motion by Seegert and supported by Lucarelli to go with Propel Tech and Electric for the Fire Hall Door Access System. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Jordan Cress explained how much work and costs is involved with Pleasant View Cemetery. He cannot continue next year at the same rate and would like the board to put it out for bid early.

Reports:

Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved
Respectfully Submitted:

Trudy Goodin, Clerk