

SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
May 15, 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 Seegert and supported by Strahan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Wiederhold

Received \$1,696.88 from D&P cable for franchise fees. Received donations in memory of Tom Horak in the amount of \$375 for our fire training fund. Total monies in all Summerfield Township accounts are \$3,689,592.65. Motion by Seegert to accept the Treasurer's Report and supported by Strahan. Motion carried.

Pay Bills: Clerk Goodin presented checks. Motion by Seegert and supported by Strahan to pay checks #33781-#33822 in the amount of \$46,933.84. Motion carried.

Fire Report

44 calls in the month of April.

25 rescues 11 assist

3 fire 4 service

1 standby

26 calls in the township, 6 in the city and 12 mutual aid calls.

Chief Lucas stated that they haven't had a working gear washer for almost a year and have never had an extractor which pulls the carcinogens from the gear. We've had to take our gear to Dundee or Ida and use their equipment and supplies to clean the gear. Gear washing is important to reduce the risks of cancer. Mike Miller received a show special quote from Laundry One while at the FDIC vendor show in Indianapolis in the amount of \$10,104 that includes a base. Fire fighter Miller is willing to drive to Indianapolis to pick it up. We'd have to pay mileage, but would avoid higher shipping costs. For comparison, Chief Lucas had a quote in the amount of \$10,200 (no base) and a verbal quote from a third vendor in the amount of \$20,000. Motion made by Strahan and supported by Goodin to purchase the commercial washer from LaundryOne in the amount of \$10,104. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chief Lucas stated they are still exploring options in regards to a rescue truck. There was a discussion, but no action taken.

New Business:

a) New File Cabinets for Assessor – Assessor Haddix presented prices for various filing cabinets.

Motion by Strahan and supported by Lucarelli to purchase three cabinets (used) from Home Office Connections at \$150/each and purchasing four pairs of file bars from Amazon at a cost of \$100 per cabinet for a grand total of \$750. Motion carried.

b) Cemetery Tree Bid – Received one sealed bid from Cress Tree Service. It included removal of 23 trees in the amount of \$1,350, removal of 14 marked cedar trees in the amount of \$4,680, removal of 2 large maples on the south side and 3 large trees on the north side outside the fence and one small

dead maple outside the fence on the south side in the amount of \$6,500 and lastly stump grinding at 624 units x \$2.75 for a total of \$1,716. Trustee Strahan will check with road commission if permission is granted for trees outside of the fence. Motion by Seegert and supported by Strahan to award bid to Cress Tree Service for a total of \$14,246. There was discussion on how to pay for the trees due to the amount of money in the cemetery fund. During public comment, Amy Reiter suggested paying for the tree cutting utilizing ARPA funds. Motion by Goodin and supported by Lucarelli to pay for the tree cutting from our ARPA funds. Motion carried.

- c) Reappointment of Planning Commission Chair – Motion by Goodin and supported by Seegert to reappoint Amy Reiter as Planning Commission Chairperson and Linda Diesing to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another three-year term. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Public Comments:

Amy Reiter asked when we could expect chloride. Supervisor Lucarelli stated it should be this coming week.

Diane Schaefer shared concerns about living next to the KOA and their lack of fencing on the north side. She also shared her concerns in regards to well water and inquired if a building permit was pulled for a neighboring property.

Reports:

Motion by Strahan and supported by Seegert to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted:

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Trudy Goodin, Clerk