



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
January 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.

2. PRESENT: Weise, Sommers, Monahan, Thayer, DeLine, Witt, McDonald
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Deidre Frollo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; Community Development Director, Dan Sika; DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center Coordinator, Lynda Thayer; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Eric Cowles; Otto Brandt; Township Attorney and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by DeLine, seconded by McDonald, to approve the amended agenda.

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January 8, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the December 4, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Approve the promotion of Eric Cowles from Interim Police Chief to Police Chief.
 - D. Approve the promotion of Randy Kumm from Interim Police Sergeant to Police Sergeant.
 - E. Approve the promotion of Trevor Schultz from Assistant DPW Director to DPW Director.
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 the 2024 Saginaw Future Agreement.

- B. Approve the Fire Department selling the 2003 Ford Excursion and fire hose with the reels by using an electronic format.
 - C. Approve Proposal from Eric Schantz to construct tree and other features in the Nature Center.
 - 10. Reports
 - 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 Sommers, seconded by Witt, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the December 4, 2023 regular meeting.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$4,372,398.71
 - Clearing Fund \$3,159.60
 - General Fund \$398,288.47
 - Public Safety-Fire Department \$10,060.46
 - Fire Apparatus \$522,858.98
 - Public Safety-Police Department \$17,484.60
 - Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement \$0.00
 - Downtown Development Authority \$191.09
 - Revolving Road Fund \$0.00
 - Sewer Fund \$2,103,991.23
 - Sewer Improvements Grant Fund \$464,450.92
 - Water Fund \$297,788.26
 - Municipal Refuse \$76,262.23
 - Technology Fund \$12,431.43
 - Tax \$465,431.44
 - C. Approved the promotion of Eric Cowles from Interim Police Chief to Police Chief.
 - D. Approved the promotion of Randy Kumm from Interim Police Sergeant to Police Sergeant.
 - E. Approved the promotion of Trevor Schultz from Assistant DPW Director to DPW Director.
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 2024 Saginaw Future Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt to approve the Fire Department selling the 2003 Ford Excursion and fire hose with the reels by using an electronic format. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve the proposal from Eric Schantz in the amount of \$24,250.00 to construct tree and other features in the Nature Center. 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 Trevor, Eric and Randy for their dedication.
 - D. Manager's Report – Fire Station work should be done and keys in hand 1/11/24. MOB-roof is going on. Expressed how fortunate we are to have Eric and Randy to move up into leadership roles. Expressed thanks for the phenomenal job Trevor does everyday.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report. Will be receiving a \$10,000 State Grant.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report. Devon has started at the academy. Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chief.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report.
 - K. Receive and file the Nature Center report. 75 people attended the "Snow Much Fun" event at the Nature Center.
 - L. Board Member Reports – None
11. Executive Session:
 - A. None
12. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Monahan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated