

SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2008

Jim Pitsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members present: Pitsch, Brower, Mays, Parmelee, Sebright

Board Members absent: none

Minutes from January 15, 2008 were approved as submitted by consent of the Board.

Bills for February were approved to be paid by consent of the Board.

Hamilton Recreation Board representative Russ Lameris gave an update. On February 25, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. there will be a Q & A session at the Heath Township Building on M-40. One township board member is asked to attend. Township Board Members are also asked to attend the school board meeting on March 10, 2008 at 7:00P.M.

Representatives Tom Bliesner and Joe Hunt from Western Insurance Agency LLC explained the Michigan Township Participating Plan for the Township and answered questions. The Township Board was given 3 options to choose from.

Comments from the Department of Planning and Fire.

Public comment

Old business:

1. Brenda Mays moved and Betty Brower seconded to appoint as alternate members to the Board of Review, Brian Kleeves and Russell Fein. Motion carried.
2. Brenda Mays moved and Earl Parmelee seconded to adopt as presented the Asset Level Test for Poverty Exemption Guidelines with the change from 1 Acre to 2 Acres. Motion carried.
3. Don Sebright moved and Brenda Mays seconded to adopt the Riparian Area Protection Overlay Zone Ordinance with changes that appeared in the corrected copy. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Brenda Mays moved and Don Sebright seconded to move forward with curbside recycling, allowing Resource Recovery to request bids so the Township can make a final decision on the feasibility of township curbside recycling. Motion carried.
2. Don Sebright moved and Brenda Mays seconded to approve the Dust Layer Bid from Bruce Alan Enterprises. Two applications of one twelve ft. wide pass down center of road, with the option of a third application if necessary. Motion carried.
3. Picnic tables for the Park were discussed but it was the consensus of the Board new tables were not needed at this time.
4. Brenda Mays moved and Betty Brower seconded to draft a letter in support of the Allegan Township Jail Resolution to the Allegan County Commissioners.
5. Don Sebright moved and Brenda Mays seconded to approve the Fireworks permit for Sandy Pines (2 events; July 4 and August 31). Motion carried.

6. Don Sebright moved and Brenda Mays seconded to approve the rental of Salem Township Meeting Room for small meetings or classes. Cost of rental: \$20.00 for the first hour; \$15.00 beyond up to 3 hours maximum. Motion carried.
7. Betty Brower moved and Brenda Mays seconded to forward 14 Point Review Plan to State Treasury Department. Motion carried.
8. Robert Jones resignation letter was discussed.
9. Brenda Mays moved and Earl Parmelee seconded to continue using Western Insurance for the Township increasing the deductible for Property, Inland Marine, Auto Comprehensive/Collision and EDP to \$250. Premium will be \$13,174. A cost saving of \$7,270. Motion carried.

Public comment: Parmelee asked if there were any guidelines for hiring an assessor. Regarding Concerts in the Park, Pitsch is hoping to have more concerts starting in June instead of July and going through September.

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Sebright and seconded by Betty Brower. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Betty Brower, Clerk