

MINUTES OF THE SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Jim Pitsch at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Members Present: Jim Pitsch - Supervisor, Renee Busscher - Clerk, Ashley Brower – Treasurer, Dan Striegler – Trustee, Don Sebright - Trustee

Also preset: Honorable William A. Baillargeon - Chief District Court Judge, Emily Jipp – candidate for 48th Circuit Court Judge, Jim Storey – District 1 County Commissioner, Dan Kipen – Salem Township Fire Chief, Sally Brooks – Allegan County Treasurer, Lisa Vandebunte – Library Director

Absent: n/a

Reading of Minutes and Bills: Board Meeting (if needed), if no additions or corrections minutes and Bills will be approved and paid by consent.

Public Comment: n/a

County Road Commissioner: n/a

County Commissioner: Jim Storey Presented. He discussed his past 10 year term and accomplishments and that he is running again.

Advised Federal Government is loaning 1.5 billion to Palasades. Working with Consumers Energy and Lake Allegan to keep a dam open. Also working on road project in Saugatuck where the road washed out years ago – would need about 6 million for the road.

Chief District Court Judge: will be running again. Came to endorse Emily Jipp who will be running for 48th Circuit Court. She also presented to give her background and experience.

Allegan County Treasurer: will be running again for treasurer position

Comments from Commissions & Departments of:

Zoning: currently cleaning up blight properties

Planning: working on ordinance audit and editing the master plan

Fire: see attached report

Ambulance: Board meeting established a budget

Library: Lisa Vandebunte presented. Salem is top in circulation, discussed events that were held and future events, have a new hire starting April 22

Parks Planning: grant for the park has been submitted to DNR

ARPA Funding: no quotes for resurfacing sports court yet, funds to be used towards this and pickleball courts

Roads: nothing new, last meeting approved chip and seal

Old Business: n/a

New Business:

1. Salem Township Resolution 4-9-2024 (A) Regarding 198 Tax Abatement Agreement with PDS Plastics:
Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Renee Busscher
Discussion: Lakeshore Advantage assisted with the application
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Passed
2. Salem Township Resolution 4-9-2024 (B) for Salem Township Road Millage Renewal of five (%) Mills, and how the millage renewal shall appear on the August Primary Ballot:
Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Dan Striegler
Discussion: proposal needs to be reworded to remove Pine Grove Twp and replace with Salem Twp, and remove wording of “increase” as it is only a request to renew current millage. Then it will be signed.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes, Passed
3. Allegan County Pictometry/Eagle’s View: (\$3,762.00) or (\$1,254.00 X 3)
Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Ashley Brower to postpone to next month’s meeting
Discussion: Heather Mitchell, township assessor uses for assessing
4. Lakeshore Advantage Funding: (Present \$1,200 Annual to \$3,000 Annual)

Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Dan Striegle

Discussion: n/a

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5. Memorandum of Agreement between Sandy Pines and Salem Township:

Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Renee Busscher

Discussion: all funds will be coming from grant, not township

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6. Mulder Estates Site Condo Submission for Final Approval

Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Dan Striegle

Discussion: n/a

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7. Centennial Acres Site Condo Submission for Final Approval

Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Don Sebright to postpone awaiting attorney review

Discussion: n/a

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Public Comment:

Questions regarding blight

Ground Water Table meeting

Transfer Station passed inspection regarding solid waste

Adjournment:

Moved by Renee Busscher, seconded by Don Sebright to adjourn meeting at 8:11PM

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**Salem Township Fire Department
Monthly Report
March 2024**



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Projects	
EMS CEs	State turned down WAEMS proposal. WAEMS will be looking into having quarterly CE blitzes held at different fire stations,
SOGs	Working on updating operational SOGs
Old SCBA	Found a used SCBA dealer to buy our old airpicks
ActiveTeams trial	In a trail for a staffing/event calendar from Active911
Training House Burn	Paper work submitted to State to Burn the training house on 138 th , burned on 3/9

Trainings/ Meetings	
Topic	Number of Personnel
Live Fire Training- fire behavior, transitional attack	14
Officers meeting X 2	4/5
Equipment Checks	7
Work detail/ prepping training house for burning	10
Probationary pump ops	2
Pre-plans- Sandy Pines restaurant	2
Sandy Pines Dam Safety Meeting	1

Total Fire and EMS Year To Date- 91			
Fire Incidents	Total -9	YTD-37	Incidents in Sandy Pines- 1
Type	Number of Incidents	District	Notes
Gas leak in a structure	1	1-Monterey	Sandy Pines Shower/laundry building in Phase 3
Smell of gas in the area	1	1-Salem	Smell in the area od 28 th and 142 nd - normal for time of year
Downed wire	1	1- Monterey	Branch brought down a live wire- arching and sparking
Disregarded while Enroute	6	4- Salem 2-Monterey	5 medical disregards and one wrong location 1 horse stuck in a trailer
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines- 0			



Showing fire behavior with the door closed vs open

EMS			
Total -11	YTD-54	Incidents in Sandy Pines-	Incidents in Rehoboth- 2
District	Number of Incidents		
Salem-	10		
Monterey-	1		
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines-		Year to Date in Rehoboth- 5	

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