

MINUTES OF THE SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 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, Dan Striegle – Trustee, Don Sebright - Trustee
Also preset: Storey – District 1 County Commissioner; Dan Kipen – Salem Township Fire Chief; Lisa Vandebunte – Library Director; Judge Bakker – 48th Circuit Court; Elizabeth Peterson – running for 48th Circuit Court new judge position; Sheriff Frank Baker – running again for Allegan County Sheriff; Mike Villar – running for Allegan County Prosecutor; Judge Buck – Chief Probate Judge; Alice Bernal – running for 48th Circuit Court new judge position
Absent: Ashley Brower – Treasurer

Reading of previous board meeting Minutes and Bills, if no additions or corrections Minutes and Bills were approved and paid by consent.

Public Comment: Judge Bakker introduced Elizabeth Peterson and gave her endorsement. Elizabeth Peterson presented her campaign. Sheriff Frank Baker presented his campaign. Mike Villar presented his campaign. Judge Buck endorsed Alice Bernal. Alice Bernal presented her campaign.

There was concern over engine braking. Supervisor spoke with two companies to remind of no engine braking and residents have seen decrease. Public had questions over signage for no engine braking.

County Road Commissioner: n/a

County Commissioner: Jim Storey Presented. Health Department gave report to Board of Commissioners. On May 24, met with Saugatuck to see about securing funding for Lakeshore Dr road wash out repair. In the Allegan Court house, a time capsule from 1960 in the cornerstone of the building was opened. They plan to make another one to put in new building. Talked about opening up 50k acre game land.

Comments from Commissions & Departments of:

- *Zoning:* complaint about blight, has been turned over to PCI
- *Planning:* postponed master plan, wanted to see highlight of changes made. An application for special use was denied de to already having twice the legal allowance. They are also working on an ordinance audit
- *Fire:* Dan Kipen presented. See attached report
- *Ambulance:* no changes from May board meeting
- *Library:* Lisa Vandebunte presented. Salem is top in circulation, discussed events that were held and future events. Check out Library webpage for all information <https://saletownshiplibrary.org/>
- Parks Planning: awaiting decision on DNR grant
- *ARPA Funding:* ARPA spending to be used on parks
- *Roads:* no new information

Old Business:

1. Salem Township Master Plan
Postponed, waiting on approval from Planning Commission

New Business:

1. Salem Township Flee Market rules
Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Dan Striegle
Rules will be posted on township site
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. Request for Approval of Transfer of Control by 123Net:
Moved by Renee Busscher, seconded by Dan Striegle
Discussion: n/a
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3. Street Lighting request
Postponed
Discussion: There was a request to add lighting to 27th Street and 142nd Ave intersection, Supervisor to assess if needed elsewhere also

4. Amend Salem Township Cemetery Ordinance and Rules: (Add signage to new cemetery)
Postponed until July meeting
5. Hall Rental Charges
Postponed until July meeting

Public Comment:

Discussion on 142nd and 26th intersection visibility.

Adjournment:

Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Renee Busscher to adjourn meeting at 8:14 PM
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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

Projects	
SOGs	Working on updating operational SOGs
ActiveTeams trial	In a trail for a staffing/event calendar from Active911
Station Tour	Benthiem Elementary School coming for a station tour. Teacher and kids like had a great time, planning on coming again next year.
SCBA Flow Testing	Annual inspection and flow testing of SCBA on 5/7/24- no issues found
Probationary Fire fighter testing	Testing will be June 25th
Pancake Breakfast	May 18 th 7am to 10am- great turn out
Car Show	Cruise in for Kids Burn Camp Car Show is 6/7/24 at 6pm-9pm Great turn out 212 registrations, \$12,480.28 made
Library Touch a Truck Tour	6/10/24 touch a truck and demo with the library from 2pm-4pm
Hose testing	Annual hose testing on 6/25/24 with Waterway
Jamestown Kids Day	Jamestown requested a fire truck for a kid's day at their station on 6/27/24

Total Fire and EMS Year To Date- 179			
Fire Incidents	Total -17	YTD-62	Incidents in Sandy Pines- 2
Type	Number of Incidents	District	Notes
Building Fires	4	1-Salem 1-Dorr 1-Hopkins/Monterey 1-Hamilton	Burned up extension cord Mutual aid to kitchen fire Standby on possible fire Mutual aid garage fire
Grass fire	1	1-Salem	Transformer arced causing grass fire
Unauthorized Burn	1	1- Monterey	Burning a hot tub
Assist to other agencies	3	2-Salem 1-Portage	-Smoke alarm install -Property dispute over burning -Tornado damage assessment
Assist to EMS	4	4- Salem	2 CPR assist and 2 lift assist
Vehicle accident	3	1-Salem 1-Jamestown 1-Overisel	1 quad accident and 2 mutual aid request
Fire alarm	1	1-Salem	Cleaning caused dust to set of smoke alarm
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines- 2			



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EMS			
Total -24	YTD-117	Incidents in Sandy Pines-3	Incidents in Rehoboth- 2
District	Number of Incidents		
Salem-	17		
Monterey-	7		
Disregarded Priority 3 medical	11		
Year to date Medical Incidents in Sandy Pines- 5		Year to Date in Rehoboth- 5	

Trainings/Meetings	
Topic	Number of Personnel
Extrication	18
Officers meeting	4
Water Supply with Dorr	2
Equipment Checks	7
Preplan/Officer Meeting	5
Sandy Pines Dam Safety Meeting	1
Probationary pump ops X 2	2/3



**Director's Report
May 2024**



Mission:
Building a community of
people who discover,
share and belong



Vision:
Inspire Curiosity
Foster Community
Ignite Imaginations
Cultivate Learning



Core Values:
Teamwork
Respect
Access
Curiosity
Kindness

Allegheny County Libraries Circulation

	Circulation	Population Served	Hours Open Weekly
Salem Township Library	5,089	8,289	45
Dorr Township Library	2,932	7,922	31
Fennville District Library	3,693	14,496	53
Hopkins District Library	978	4,851	37
Leighton Public Library (Moline)	5,564	7,001	40
Saugatuck District Library	4,905	5,686	47
Henika District Library (Wayland)	3,785	7,978	53

Salem Township Library Stats

	Current Month	Last Year	% +/-
Circulation	5,089	5,023	1%
Overdrive	909	825	9%
Hoopla	409	391	4%
Hotspots	15	0	100%
ILL Requests	375	294	22%
MEL Holds	30	32	-7%
References	96	113	-18%
New Patrons	16	8	50%
Patrons Deleted	0	0	#DIV/0!
Patron Count:			
Children	397	362	9%
Adults	685	579	15%
Total	1082	941	13%

Programs/Events:

- * Spring Reading Challenge Adults - 25 adults participated; 1 winner received: free round 18 hole golf w/cart, 2 passes to Frederick Meijer Gardens, gift card to Hop Cat.
- * Spring Reading Challenge Teens/Tweens - 22 participated; 1 winner received: The Pegasus Mythic Series - Books 1-6 (Boxed Set), water bottle w/stickers, free library dvd rental and popcorn.
- * Don't Judge a Book by it's Cover - 13 teens/tweens participated
- * Summer Reading so far:
263 People visited the library Monday, June 10.
As of closing Monday, June 10, 111 Pre-K - 5th Graders signed up, 43 6th-12th graders signed up, 38 adults signed up. 8 littles signed up for 1,000 books before kindergarten program.
- * Touch A Truck event on June 10: 132 people attended
- * June 19 @ 2pm - Geocaching Program
- * June 24 @ 6pm - Compassion & Choices, informational program about end of life care and choices
- * June 26 @ 2pm - Air Zoo Program