

MINUTES OF THE SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 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, Dan Striegle – Trustee, Ashley Brower - Treasurer
Also preset: Storey – District 1 County Commissioner; Dan Kipen – Salem Township Fire Chief; Lisa Vandebunte – Library Director; Myrene Koch – running for prosecutor; Emily Jipp – running for 48th Circuit Court Judge
Absent: Don Sebright - Trustee

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

Public Comment: Grade question on 136th, 7/11/24 meeting on Pallasades in Benton Harbor – will be starting environmental assessment, remove sign that was placed without consent for Camp Kidwell

Myrene Koch and Emily Jipp both presented.

County Road Commissioner: n/a

County Commissioner: Jim Storey Presented. Discussed mental health services, courthouse construction, grant watch, county services building construction, state game area, lake Allegan and Dams, Consumer’s Energy, expecting late November or December for 123Net to be complete.

Comments from Commissions & Departments of:

- *Zoning:* no changes
- *Planning:* did not meet yet
- *Fire:* Dan Kipen presented. See attached report
- *Ambulance:* meeting 7/10/24
- *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:* DNR came to take photos of the park, but no decisions made on the grant yet
- *ARPA Funding:* no change
- *Roads:* 32nd paved, received compliment from nonresident our roads

Old Business:

1. Salem Township Master Plan
Planning Commission to review 7/11/2024 at meeting
2. Street Lighting
Supervisor to check intersections and accident reports, also check in with homeowners around those intersections before proceeding.
3. Amend Salem Township Ordinance and Rules
Move to September
4. Rental Hall Charges
Postponed
5. Flea Market Fees
Moved by Renee Busscher to change to \$130, seconded by Dan Striegle
Only \$35 increase for hall and parking lot rental
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business:

1. Open Bids for Architect Engineer
Bids to be reviewed and picked at special meeting Thursday July 11, 2024 at 10:00AM
2. Install Flashing Cross Traffic Does Not Stop Signs on 26th and 146th Ave at \$2k/sign
Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Dan Striegle
Discussion: n/a
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. Salem Township Fire Department recommending end of probation period for Hunter Brookhouse
Moved by Dan Striegle, seconded by Renee Busscher

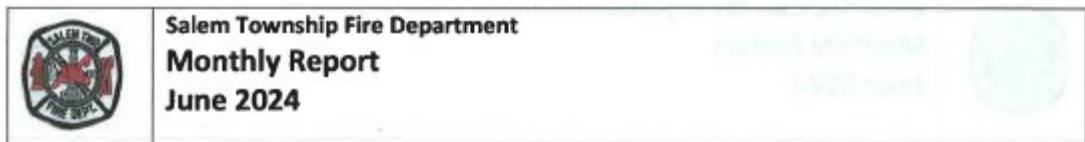
Discussion: n/a
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Public Comment:

Stop sign being run on Ottogan.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Renee Busscher to adjourn meeting at 8:34 PM
 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Projects	
SOGs	Working on updating operational SOGs
Probationary Fire fighter testing	Testing will be June 25 th , testing completed. Will be one retest on July 20 th .
Hose testing	Annual hose testing on 6/25/24 with Waterway- Postponed until 7/22/24 due to weather
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
Jamestown Kids Day	Jamestown requested a fire truck for a kid's day at their station on 6/27/24. Sent 1741, large turnout and great community even for the kids
Extrication Demonstration	Conducted an extrication Demonstration with Dorr FD at the ACE Hardware Car Show on 6/27/24
Library Touch a Truck	Touch a truck event with ACSO Deputy, SWAT, Marine Division, and WAEMS on 6/10/24
Firefighter Funeral	2 personnel and 1 truck attended Funeral for a Wayland Firefighter
Annual Apparatus Service	Klyne will be conducting the annual DOT inspections/Service/Pump testing of apparatus in July
July 4 th parades	Apparatus in Dorr, Sandy Pines, and Hopkins

Total Fire and EMS Year To Date- 214			
Fire Incidents	Total -13	YTD-75	Incidents in Sandy Pines- 3
Type	Number of Incidents	District	Notes
Vehicle Fire	1	1-Monterey	Quad Fire
Assist to other agencies	3	2-Salem 1-Hopkins	- Missing Person Search - Assist to Dive Team, car in lake -Smoke alarm install
Assist to EMS	2	1- Salem 1- Monterey	1 CPR assist 1 lift assist
Vehicle accident	3	1-Salem 1-Monterey	1 w/ injuries & 1 w/o injuries 1-golf cart accident
Downed Powerlines	2	1-Salem 1-Monterey	1 from storm damage
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	1	1-Salem	No CO found/ faulty alarm
Propane Leak	1	1-Monterey	100lbs cylinder on food truck leaking
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines- 5			

EMS			
Total -22	YTD-139	Incidents in Sandy Pines-8	Incidents in Rehoboth- 2
District	Number of Incidents		
Salem-	16 Plus 1 assist to Dorr- original addressed in Salem Twp, corrected in Dorr		
Monterey-	3		
Disregarded Priority 3 medical	2		
Year to date Medical Incidents in Sandy Pines- 13		Year to Date in Rehoboth- 5	

Trainings/Meetings	
Topic	Number of Personnel
Pump Operations w/LDH	15
Officers meeting	4
Electric Vehicle Safety @ Dorr	6
Equipment Checks	5
Extrication Demonstration @ Dorr	5
Probationary pump ops X 4	3 to 9 personnel



2024 Cruise in For Kids Burn Camp



**Director's Report
June 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

	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Population Served</u>	<u>Hours Open Weekly</u>
Salem Township Library	8,979	8,289	45
Dorr Township Library	3,838	7,922	31
Fennville District Library	4,024	14,496	53
Hopkins District Library	1,901	4,851	37
Leighton Public Library (Moline)	7,888	7,001	40
Saugatuck District Library	5,898	5,686	47
Henika District Library (Wayland)	4,955	7,978	53

Salem Township Library Stats

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>% +/-</u>
Circulation	8,979	7,017	22%
Overdrive	1,018	748	27%
Hoopla	466	295	37%
Hotspots	19	0	100%
ILL Requests	467	533	-14%
MEL Holds	27	19	30%
References	157	162	-3%
New Patrons	20	26	-30%
Patrons Deleted	0	0	#DIV/0!
Patron Count:			
Children	1237	788	36%
Adults	961	775	19%
Total	2198	1563	29%

Programs/Events:

- * Geocaching Program - 44
- * Air Zoo Program - 111
- * I Spy in the Park - 28
- * Amazing Race - TBD, due to expected rain tomorrow
- * July 17 - Chalk the walk; all day event
- * July 22 - CPR class @ 6pm (Monday night); \$20 per person
- * July 24 - Mystery Book Challenge Read Along @ 2pm
- * July 31 - Foam Party in the Park @ 2pm

