

MINUTES OF THE SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Ashley Brower - Treasurer

Also preset: Jim Storey – District 1 County Commissioner; Dan Kipen – Salem Township Fire Chief; Lisa Vandebunte – Library Director

Absent: n/a

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

Public Comment: Question on Sandy Pines Storm Shelters, question for clarification on agriculture buildings, recycle concern, meeting in Allegan about sirens and issues fixing them

County Road Commissioner: n/a

County Commissioner: Jim Storey Presented. 9/12 is first board meeting of September for commissioners. They will be wanting public comment on how to use opioid settlement money. The amount is unknown, but funds to be received over course of years and not one lump sum. They are working on a budget for the next fiscal year and adding in a few more employees in the county. Jim discussed court dealings, one against commissioners filed by clerk and treasurer. Also court dealings for who can appear on ballot to replace Kapinga. Move to the county services building will take place October 14.

Comments from Commissions & Departments of:

- *Zoning:* complaints on homes that are in collapse
- *Planning:* ordinance work, almost ready to finalize
- *Fire:* Dan Kipen presented. See attached report
- *Ambulance:* meeting as held on 9/11/24
- *Library:* Lisa Vandebunte presented. Check out Library webpage for all information <https://saletownshiplibrary.org/>
- *Parks Planning:* no decisions made on the grant yet
- *ARPA Funding:* no change
- *Roads:* flashing signs are now at 26th and 146th

Old Business:

1. Street Lighting – Request to add streetlight to 27th St and 142nd Ave
Postponed
Discussion: cost may not be worth at that corner, however may look at other intersections
2. Secure Advantage Firewall from Corporate Technologies
Moved by Ashley Brower, seconded by Don Sebright
Discussion: n/a
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business:

1. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Salem Township Park
Moved by Dan Striegle, seconded by Ashley Brower
Discussion: hoping this could be an annual event that organizations in township organize
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comment:

Last concert in the park is on September 15, 2024

Adjournment:

Moved by Don Sebright, seconded by Dan Striegle to adjourn meeting at 8:12 PM
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LIGHTING AND STOP SIGN INTERSECTION MAPPING



Current Street Lights



1. 30th St & 146th Ave
2. 26th St & 146th Ave
3. 30th St & 144th Ave
4. 32nd St & 143rd Ave
5. Summer Creek & 143rd Ave
6. 30th St & 143rd Ave
7. 32nd St & 142nd Ave
8. 24th St & 142nd Ave
9. 26th St & 140th Ave

Private Street Lights



1. 32nd St & 146th Ave
2. 30th St & 142nd Ave

Four-Way Stops



1. 30th St & 142nd Ave
2. 26th St & 142nd Ave

Requested Street Lights



1. 32nd St & 146th Ave
2. 27th St & 142nd Ave



Salem Township Fire Department
Monthly Report
August 2024

EMS			
Total -23	YTD-164	Incidents in Sandy Pines-6	Incidents in Rehoboth- 0
District	Number of Incidents		
Salem-	19		
Monterey-	4		
Disregarded Priority 3 medical	11	YTD Priority 3: 58	
Year to date Medical Incidents in Sandy Pines- 29		Year to Date in Rehoboth- 5	

Trainings/Meetings	
Topic	Number of Personnel
Ground ladders w/turnout gear and SCBA readiness	18
Officers meeting	3
Equipment Checks	5
Pump ops display and fire safety @ Sandy Pines	6
"2 The Rescue" career and mental health	3



Sandy Pine Christmas in August pump demonstration and fire safety



Salem Township Fire Department
Monthly Report
August 2024

Projects	
SOGs	Working on updating operational SOGs
Pump Testing	No issues found and all 3 passed
Tablets for apparatus	The tablets for the apparatus to use with the new dispatching app have been ordered
SCBA Fill Station	Annual service for the fill station was completed- upgraded some parts to stop an inconsistent pressure building problem.
Grants	Working on grants to get headsets in 1712 and 1714
Christmas in August @ Sandy Pine	Conducted a pumping demo and fire safety
LUCAS Annual	Annual service on the LUCAS CPR machine was conducted by Stryker
Fire Engineering Online Training	Conducting a trial of an online training platform. Looking at using it for missed training makeup and EMS CEs

Total Fire and EMS Year To Date- 320			
Fire Incidents	Total -18	YTD-111	Incidents in Sandy Pines- 1
Type	Number of Incidents	District	Notes
Illegal burn	1	1-Salem	Tires and plastic
Lightning strike of structure	1	1-Salem	Called in hours after happening- checked electrical
Assist to EMS	3	1- Salem 2-Monterey	1 CPR assist 2 lift assists
Vehicle accident	4	3-Salem	3 w/ injuries & 1 w/o injuries
Downed Powerlines	1	1-Salem	Tree down on a communications line
Controlled Burn	2	1-Salem 1-Monterey	Both burning brush
Carbon Monoxide Alarm/ Smoke detector	1	1-Salem	No CO found or smoke/ faulty alarm
Smoke alarm install	2	2-Salem	
Gas Odor	1	1-Salem	Normal smell- called in by a passer-by
No incident found	2	2-Salem	iPhone crash notifications
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines- 7			

Salem Township Fire Department has a dedicate group of personnel that respond from home and work to help keep the residents of Salem Township and the surrounding communities safe.



**Director's Report
August 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	7,017	8,289	45
Dorr Township Library	3,481	7,922	31
Fennville District Library	4,502	14,496	53
Hopkins District Library	1,419	4,851	37
Leighton Public Library (Moline)	6,835	7,001	40
Saugatuck District Library	6,149	5,686	47
Henika District Library (Wayland)	4,587	7,978	53

Salem Township Library Stats

	Current Month	Last Year	% +/-
Circulation	7,017	6,031	14%
Overdrive	1,116	867	22%
Hoopla	483	382	21%
Hotspots	19	9	53%
ILL Requests	472	201	57%
MEL Holds	29	33	-14%
References	92	81	12%
New Patrons	19	17	11%
Patron Count:			
Children	511	408	20%
Adults	781	595	24%
Total	1292	1003	22%

Programs/Events:

- * We celebrated Smokey the Bear's 80th birthday & the Olympics with some paper crafts and games
- * 5 people attended Book Apps for Book Lovers
- * Preparation began for our annual book sale
- * Plant exchange will be on Saturday, September 21 @ 11am

Other Notes:

- * Story Time began on September 4 @ 11am
- * Annual Book Sale began Sept 9 - Took in almost \$200 on first day
- * I attended various professional development opportunities:
 - * Managing Effective Library Boards
 - * United for Libraries Virtual Conference
 - * Public Funds and Finance for Library Trustees
 - * Strengthening your Communication Skills
 - * Build a Needs Assessment Strategy
- * Preparing binders and additional information for new Library Board members

