

MINUTES OF THE SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2025

Members Present: Jim Pitsch - Supervisor, Renee Busscher - Clerk, Dan Striegle – Trustee, Don Sebright – Trustee
Also preset: Dan Kipen –Firechief, Lisa Vandebunte – Library Director
Absent: Ashley Brower – Treasurer

Meeting was called to order by Jim Pitsch at 7:00PM
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

County Road Commissioner: n/a

County Commissioner: Was not present at this meeting, but provided attached report for updates.

Comments from Commissions & Departments of:

- *Zoning:* Nothing from last month
- *Planning:* Approved a special use permit for a property on 24th street south of 142nd Ave to build a building in front of the home. Solar and Ordinance review have been postponed since a few members of the planning commission board were missing. They had a recommendation from the attorney with push back on changing zoning in regards to the solar ordinance.
- *Fire:* Dan Kipen presented. See attached report. Also, presented equipment needs totaling just over 25k, using available funds from the milage account – will be added to next month’s agenda. Discussed successful car show turn out to benefit burn camp. It was the biggest one yet.
- *Ambulance:* There was no meeting last month, nothing to report.
- *Library:* Lisa Vandebunte presented, see attached report. Excited to see a great uptick in library visitors. Check out Library webpage for all information <https://saletownshiplibrary.org/>
- *Parks Planning:* Williams and Works still putting together pickleball document for bids. Pathway repair is complete. We need to check if Third Coast Outdoor can replace tennis nets or find another vendor.
- *Roads:* Supervisor received question about mowing the roads: county is doing ditch mowing and then Jablonski is following up cutting on the road side. 24th St paving should be starting in August.

Public Comment:

Enjoyed the car show, food supplied was great, other fire departments come to support too. Great community event since 2011.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Question about internet – stated there is a staging area right across from house, yet his street is not being done with 123Net internet. 123Net is only being put in place to those who don’t have internet access currently and he currently has an internet provider. Another comment, saying internet was run down a road on which some people do have Great Lakes. Supervisor explained that Great Lakes is only serving their electric customers with their internet.

Adjournment:

Moved by Striegle, seconded by Sebright to adjourn meeting at 7:23PM
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY





Pastor Craig Van Beek

Allegan County Commissioner District 1

Good afternoon Salem Township Board Members. I will be attending Overisel's Township meeting tonight. Next month I will be at Fillmore and then in August I will be back at Salem. As we jump into summer, it seems things have quieted down a little for the county. I hope each of you have been able to get outside lately and enjoy the weather. Please find my report below. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Resource Recovery Program Collection Event - The Resource Recovery Program held a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste event on May 3, 2025, at the Wayland Hardings. The Team processed 303 carloads. Of those cars, 169 Household Hazardous Waste drop-offs and 217 electronics drop-offs were recorded. This is a record number of drop-offs since this event began at the Hardings' location over 10 years ago. For more information, please contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at hbausick@allegancounty.org.

Recycling Events –

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

Saturday, June 14, 2025 @ Fennville City Hall 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm

Countywide Tire Recycling:

Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ Salem Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, August 16, 2025 @ Casco Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm

Senior Expo - Join the County for a fun carnival-themed day, complete with a magic show featuring local magician John Dudley during the lunch hour. This year's Senior Expo will feature a senior-focused vendor fair and workshops that will have all walking away with helpful information and fun takeaways.

Registration is now open. Online advance registration is required for lunch and reserved workshop selections (space is limited). Please register online at www.allegancounty.org/SeniorExpo. If you need assistance in registering, please call (269) 673-3333. Deadline to register is June 18, 2025. Limited vendor space remains available. Please see full attachment for details (Attachment A). For more information, contact Jen Garcia, Director of Senior and Veteran Services, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.

ALLEGAN COUNTY
Senior Expo
formerly Boomer Bash

- FREE SENIOR EVENT!
- Grab n' Go Breakfast & Served Lunch
- Senior Vendor Fair & Giveaways
- Fun-Filled Workshops
- Health Screenings
- Entertainment

Join Us!
Thursday, June 26, 2025
8:00AM – 1:00PM
First Baptist Church
1290 32nd Street (M-40), Allegan

Schedule of Events

8:00AM	DOORS OPEN!
8:00–8:30	Registration Check-In & Breakfast
8:30–8:45	Welcome! John Dudley, Emcee
8:00–11:30	Vendor Fair
8:30–11:30	Health Screenings
9:30–10:30	Workshops (Session One)
10:40–11:40	Workshops (Session Two)
12:00–12:30	Lunch & Entertainment with John Dudley, Magician
12:30–1:00	Giveaways & Closing Remarks

Register Today!

Registration will be online www.allegancounty.org/SeniorExpo or by phone if assistance is needed
269-673-3333

ALLEGAN COUNTY Senior Services

Questions?
Call 269-673-3333

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Allegan County Commission on Aging

Public Transit Passenger Initiatives - In May 2025, County Transportation launched a rider outreach initiative targeting individuals who have created a profile with the ride app and have not yet completed a ride. This effort aims to welcome prospective passengers and provide them with

information highlighting the benefits of ACT's public transportation services. Each outreach packet includes the following materials: A personalized welcome letter, an informational brochure, a Go 4 Groceries flyer, Farmer's Market & transportation, and an employment transportation flyer encouraging work-related ridership. The first round of mailings was sent to 120 addresses, with the whole campaign expected to reach over 300 potential riders. Additional letters will be created and mailed to individuals who have taken only a small number of trips. For additional information, please contact Whitney Ehresman, Transportation Director, at wehresman@allegancounty.org or (269) 686-4529.

County Park Happenings - To help both residents and visitors stay informed about upcoming events and activities taking place throughout County Parks check out the up to date county's official public calendar. From family-friendly programs to equestrian rides, disc golf tournaments, and a wide variety of recreational opportunities, there's always something happening in the parks.

Whether looking to join in on the fun or prefer a quieter visit, checking the event schedule in advance can help plan a trip accordingly. Please be aware that during scheduled events, the parks may experience higher visitor traffic, limited parking, and increased activity levels.

Stay connected and make the most of what County Parks have to offer. Scan the QR code or Calendar Month View | Allegan County, MI to view all current and upcoming events and plan your visit with confidence. For more information, contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at (269) 686-9088 or bgildea@allegancounty.org.





**Salem Township Fire Department
Monthly Report
May 2025**

Projects	
SOGs	Working on updating operational SOGs
1731 pump	New skid unit arrived and is in service
PPE	Will need to replace 4 sets of turnout gear- age and damage
Pancake Breakfast	May 17 th - great turnout.

Total Fire and EMS Year To Date- 164			
Fire Incidents	Total -15	YTD-54	Incidents in Sandy Pines- 2
Type	Number of Incidents	District	Notes
Structure Fire	2	1-Monterey 1- Monterey/Hopkins	Trailer siding in Sandy Pines Assist to Hopkins
Vehicle Fire	1	1-Salem	RV caught fire while driving
Fire Alarm	1	1-Salem	Residential alarm due to cooking
Assist EMS	1	1-Monterey	Lift Assist
Downed Power Lines	5	2-Salem 2-Monterey 1-Dorr	After storms
Gas Leak	1	1-Salem	Gas line struck by underground utility work
Carbon Monoxide	1	1-Salem	Trailer in Sandy Pines
Assist Other Agency	1	1-Salem	Assisted with traffic control for an accident in Dorr
Weather related	2	1-Salem 1-Monterey	Cleared roads from fallen trees
Year to date Incidents in Sandy Pines- 4			

EMS			
Total -20	YTD-78	Incidents in Sandy Pines-0	Incidents in Rehoboth- 2
District	Number of Incidents		
Salem-	12		
Monterey-	8		
Canceled Medical alarms- 1			
Disregarded Priority 3 medical	3	YTD Priority 3:	31
Year to date Medical Incidents in Sandy Pines- 2		Year to Date in Rehoboth- 3	

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Trainings/Meetings

Topic	Number of Personnel
Pre-plan PDS with Jamestown Ladder truck	18
Officers meeting	4
Pipeline Safety Webinar	1
Pump Ops/Drafting x1	1
Work detail for 1731 skid unit.	10
Equipment Checks	6



New Skid Unit- Pump/tank in 1731 with a ladder rack to carry the Stokes Basket.

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March 2025
Apparatus Equipment Needs Inventory

The following items were identified as obsolete, out of date, or needs replace.

Apparatus	Item	Action
1731	6-person bio terrorism suits	Way past date/ not needed
	Gumby suit	Not needed to be on the truck, obsolete & leaks-have one Mustang suit on truck
	Wild land brooms	Only carry 2, leaves other at station as spares
	Spade shovels	Only carry 2, leaves other at station as spares
	Cones	See how much space is left after new skid unit

Apparatus	Item	Action
1732	Crow bar	Remove 1, leave one on the truck
	Closet Hook (3' pike pole)	Remove and place on an engine
	Push brooms	Replace old black push brooms
	Fire brooms	

Apparatus	Item	Action
1714	Float a Dock	Move up top? This would make room for a small battery fan in that compartment. Fan \$5,700
	Foam eductor	Replace old one with new one we already have
	Windshield saw	Glass saw or cutter Windshield Glass Cutter \$200

Apparatus	Item	Action
1712	Battery tools	Need cordless Sawzall/ driver kit. Sawzall & Hammer drill \$450
	Foam expansion tip	Meant for class B foams for mid expansion. No longer have any B foam. Pull from truck for now.
	Extrication tools	Like to replace with combitool, no market for used tools. Combitool and ram attachment \$15,000
	1000-watt generator lights	Replace with battery lights, either Milwaukee stand-lights or other high output lights Milwaukee Rockets 5400-6000 lumen \$800-\$1,000

Apparatus	Item	Action
1740	Smoke ejector	Pull from truck
	Cones	Can be mounted on tail board
	Drinking water	Place in a crate



Salem Township Fire Department

March 2025

Apparatus Equipment Needs Inventory

Apparatus	Item	Action
1741	Plug in electric fan	Remove to make more space in compartment. Already have the electric SuperVac fan in the same compartment
	Vent Saw	Update to battery or new gas saw. Milwaukee 20" \$1,900 Ventmaster Gas 20" \$3,500



SALEM TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

CHECKOUTS 2025

Physical Items **5,728**



Digital Items **1,463**



Hotspots **21**



Steam Kits & LOT Items **64**



CHECKOUTS 2024

Physical Items **5,089**



Digital Items **1,318**



Hotspots **15**



Steam Kits & LOT Items **75**



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+11%

+10%

+29%

-17%


ITEMS LOANED OUT

Number of physical items that were borrowed by other libraries

2025

2024

 406

 405

223 ITEMS ADDED

Number of physical items that were added to our collection

17 NEW PATRONS

VISITS

Number of patrons who visited the library

2025

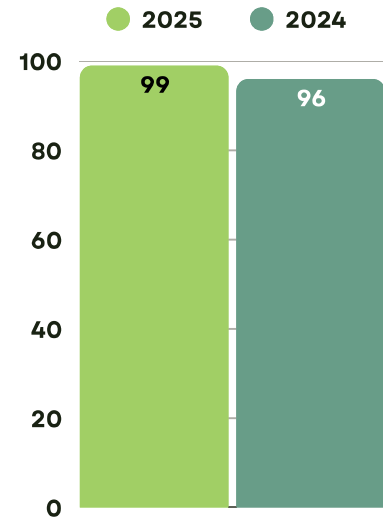
681 Adults 527 Kids 1,208 Total

2024

685 Adults 397 Kids 1,082 Total

REFERENCES

When patrons ask for information



MAY PROGRAMS

Library programs provided and participant counts

- Adult Book Clubs: 14
- Snake Demonstration: 80
- Lego Club: 9
- Knitting & Crocheting Night: 2
- Super Hero Party: 9
- Adult Tea Party: Cancelled
- Spring Reading Challenge: 41

LIBRARY NEWS

What's happening at your library

- Summer Reading began on Monday, June 9 and runs through July 31
- Art Prize will be held July 23 & 24; advanced sign-up is required.

JUNE PROGRAMS

Current & upcoming library programs and events

- June 2 : PM Book Club @ 7pm
- June 9: Touch A Truck @ 2pm
- June 16: Adult Painting class @ 6:30pm
- June 19: Air Zoo @ 2pm
- June 25: Tie Dye @ 2pm
- June 30: AM Boo Club @ 8:30am