

**Standish Township Board
Meeting Minutes
2/11/25**

1. Call

Supervisor Sajdak called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Melissa Jennings, Connie Proulx, Dustin Cardinal and Corey Sajdak

Absent: Amy Buttrick

3. Agenda as Presented.

- Motion to accept the agenda as presented.
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded Proulx
 - Voice Vote - Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

- Motion to approved Minutes from 1/14/2025
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Proulx
 - Voice vote of Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

- Motion to approve book of bills
 - Motion made by Proulx and seconded by Jennings
 - Voice vote of Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

4. Reports

- **Supervisor Report**

- Attended all day MTA training in Mt. Pleasant.
- Attended first fire authority meeting as supervisor and representative of Standish Township.
- Met with Warren, Karen, and Steve from MFCI Financial. Discussed factors driving the cost of sewer/water rates and were potential savings could be attained.
- Met with the City of Pinconning Manager Becky Lakin to discuss ways we could possibly alter the sewer contract and reduce the cost to Whites Beach property owners.
- Completed the training for the Bergman Grant.
- Met with Arthur Hadley Ives (EPA) and Todd Narlock (Fleis and Vandenbrink) to talk about the grant and how it can be used.
- I did a lot of research on wages and fees in surroundings and comparable townships.
- Started working on the 2025 fiscal year budget. I am not as far as long as I would like to be at this time. Ideally, I would like to present a proposed budget in January, have a public hearing in February, then approve the budget in March. This is not feasible this year due to being new and trying to figure out a lot of things. At this point, I will look to present a proposed budget in March and hold a public hearing after that. Then approve the budget or possibly a special meeting later in March to approve if needed.

- **Clerk Report**

- 1. Ordered computer/monitor
- 2. Scott Stukel is working on our new website, asking the public what they would like to see on it
- 3. Still trying to learn system
- 4. Attended MTA training in Mt. Pleasant
- 5. Received scam bills from Norton and Geek Squad

- Supervisor and I will be going to 2% training
- GFL garbage increase by 3% Jan. 2025
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Attended MTA training in Mt. Pleasant
 - Tax Season noted her hours
 - Still trying to reconcile accounts
- **Trustee Cardinal Report**
 - Still looking for Sexton
 - Hall rentals
- **Trustee – Amy Buttrick**
 - Absent
- **Assessor Report**
 - Balance to the County
 - Board of Review 3/10/25 from 2-5 and 6-9
 - 3/12/25 from 9-12 and 1-4
- **Zoning Report**
 - No new land permits
 - Calls about animals
 - Blight
 - Arb&b inquiries

5. Unfinished Business

- Planning Commission appointment(s)
- Motion to appoint:
 - Scott Stukel
- Motion made by Sajdak and seconded by Cardinal
- Voice vote of Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.
- Motion carried

- Township Website
 - Apply for .gov domain
 - Website cost
 - \$79.24 domain
 - \$131.88 host 1st year
 - \$205 for 2nd year for host

- Water/Sewer Update
 - Looking to become a wholesale customer of Bay County
 - Pinconning Twp requesting fire hydrants
 - Reduce rates for water due to wholesale rates
 - Need City of Pinconning to release us from water contract
 - Need agreements with Bay County Department of Water/Sewer, Pinconning Twp, and approval from Bay County Road Commission
 - Try to find ways to reduce sewer costs w/City of Pinconning
 - Townships neglected to get a franchise agreement w/Pinconning Twp may need to reroute sewer. Additional construction costs are around \$320,000.

6. New Business

- Wages and Fees
- Motion made to
 - Change Deputies pay \$15/hr instead of \$100/yr
 - Pay at Mileage rate at Federal mileage rate
 - Increasing Board pay for outside meetings from \$46 to \$50/hr
 - Increase Zoning Administrator pay from \$500/mo to \$650 includes mileage (\$7800)
 - Special Use Permit increase to \$175

- Motion made by Sajdak and seconded by Jennings
- Roll call of Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.
 - Jennings -Yes
 - Buttrick – Absent
 - Cardinal – Yes
 - Proulx – Yes
 - Sajdak – Yes

- Motion carried

- Board pay scale.
 - Clerks pay to increase
 - Supervisor to get paid for meetings for water/sewer ask to see if EGGLE and USDA
 - Trustee meeting pay
 - Tabled to March meeting
- 2% Ideas
 - Update roads in cemetery (limestone/gravel)
 - Chloride Roads
 - Blight (clean up yards)
 - Gravel for roads
 - Hall improvements for Storage
 - Outside repairs and entrance steps
 - Tractor/backhoe for cemetery

7. **Announcements:**

- Need Zoning Board of Appeals member need 1 member up to 3 alternates

8. **Public Comment**

*The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to **inform the governing body of their views. Public Comment was held.***

- Question asked if there would be delays in the water/sewer project.
- New Township website
- Zoning issues
- The public made positive comments on the new board

9. **Adjourn**

- Motion to End Meeting
 - Motion made by Sajdak and seconded by Cardinal
 - Voice vote of Ayes 4 and 0 Nays.

Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Jennings

Corey Sajdak, Supervisor

Date

Melissa Jennings, Clerk

Date