

**Standish Township Board
Meeting Minutes
4/8/2025**

1. Call

Supervisor Sajdak called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda as Presented.

- Motion to accept the agenda as presented.
 - Motion made by Cardinal and Buttrick
 - Voice Vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

- Motion to approved Minutes from 3/11/2025 and 3/27/2025
 - Motion made by Proulx and seconded by Buttrick
 - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

- Motion to approve March bills
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Proulx
 - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

4. Reports

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Attended a meeting at Fleis and Vandenbrink to meet Carrie Williamson - Moody. She is our new USDA representative. Troy Shank has retired.
2. Attended a water/sewer construction meeting.
3. Met with Luciana from Assured Partners to go over the township's insurance information.
4. Met with Mike Gombos and Melissa Jennings to discuss risk management for the township.
5. Attended 2% roundtable meeting with Melissa Jennings
6. Attended Planning Commission's first organizational meeting to assist with getting them going

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Consumers advised effective April 4, 2025, the base cost of new installations for streetlights will be \$230.00.
2. Assessor letter from Elijah Burkhardt
3. Roadside mowing bids from Jay's Lawn Service and Paul Golimbieski
4. 2% meeting – cemetery upgrade, roads, roadside mowing and hall improvements total requested \$93,692.69
5. Ron Schwab – annuity
6. Still no approval to pay for water per EGLE
7. Website – hoping to have soft opening in a couple of weeks, and officially up and running by next meeting date. Each department gathers information they want on their page (ie forms, info)
8. Merged bank accounts
9. Completed Reporting items for loan agreement requested by EGLE for Water/Sewer
10. Tax Refund \$1,829.70 overpayment for tax period ending September 30, 2024
11. Renewed insurance policy
12. Will be attending the Road Commission Match Program Meeting 4/9/25 at 6pm
13. Closed Huntington Bank Acct \$671.51, moved money to Independent Bank GF checking
14. Township Insurance \$6,387 increase of \$248 from last year. They did say it will increase a lot next year because they have never increased our budget for years per Lappen Insurance.
15. Payroll \$7,904.99. Bills \$14,144.69. USDA sewer \$13,365.45 for engineers``

TRESURER'S REPORT

1. Settlement with the county is complete.
2. Made final disbursements for the end of tax year. We are just waiting for payment from the county for the delinquent taxes.
3. As for settlement, 9.68% of taxes were still not paid.

4. Proulx looked up the information on the tax revenue that comes from the water/sewer parcels...it is 17%.
5. Revenue from water/sewer parcels is \$420,765.53.
6. Total tax levy is \$2,537,123.67

TRUSTEE CARDINAL'S REPORT

1. Two Hall rentals in March
2. Two calls for inquiries for Hall rental

TRUSTEE BUTTRICK'S REPORT

1. Planning Board information
2. Gushow will put up gate and trail cams.
3. Tom Porter day/weekend camp off Pine River – questioning if he can get it rezoned. Cabins renovated

ASSESSOR REPORT

1. BOR finished
2. Balanced w/Equalization and Completed State forms

ZONING REPORT

1. Issued two Land Use Permits
2. Two calls concerning people living in campers
3. Usual calls concerning real estate, lot size, adding to phone tower and future Land Permit Use Permits
4. McCoy attended two Planning Board Meetings and looking forward to working with them

5. Unfinished Business

- Area Code vs Building Dept - Table to April's meeting
 - Carla from Arenac County Building Department
 - New system – Cloudpermit
 - Opening to have system open to the public
 - Covid went down to 1 day, but they will come out if needed. Inspectors will be working now 2 days a week
 - Fees admit there is a difference and maybe a little higher, but the public has a service at the office window in the Courthouse
 - They provide a great service
 - Bruce, electrical inspector, confirmed they are working 2 days a week
 - They do have backup inspectors.

- Motion to table deciding to stay with the Building Department or Area Code Enforcement to May meeting
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Buttrick
 - Voice Vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

Splits and Combinations was table to April meeting

- Land splits/Combination
- Not charging for any combinations
- Splits \$100 (1 parent 1 child)
- \$25 each additional
- Motion to keep combinations of \$0 and \$100 for first split (1 parent 1 child) and \$25 each child additional
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Proulx
 - Voice Vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

6. New Business

- Gushow special use permit
- Planning Board recommendation to approve based on soil erosion permit
- Supervisor looked into 6.7 to 6.12
- Gushow confirmed they will do dust controlled, will brine and upkeep the road

Motion to approve Gushow's Special Use Permit for sand removal with condition must provide soil erosion permit other items required by the Planning Board and meet standards in Section 6.7 and 6.12 by Township's Planning's recommendation.

- Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Cardinal
- Voice Vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
- Motion Carried
- ZBA Appointments
 - Dustin Cardinal
 - Scott Stuckel
 - Joe Raymer
 - Still need alternates

- Motion to approve appointments for ZBA board
 - Motion made by Jennings and seconded by Proulx
 - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried
- Attorney recommendation
 - Reviewed resumes
 - Poznak, Dyer, Kanar Schefsky, Thompson
 - McGraw Morris PC
- Motion to approve to hire McGraw Morris PC - Attorney Kevin Kilby
 - Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Cardinal
 - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried

7. **Announcements:**

Zoning Board Alternatives

8. **Public Comment**

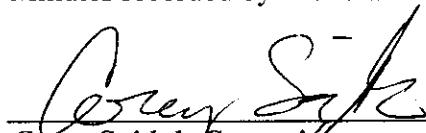
*The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to **inform the governing body of their views. Public Comment was held.***

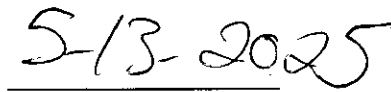
- Several topics ranging from Gushow permit, Water/Sewer, combination/splits, Building Department vs Code Enforcement, clarification on insurance rate.

9. **Adjourn**

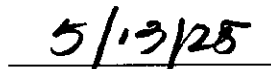
- Motion to End Meeting
 - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Proulx
 - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
 - Motion Carried; meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes recorded by Melissa Jennings


 Corey Sajdak, Supervisor


 Date


 Melissa Jennings, Clerk


 Date