

Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stanton at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Stanton.

Board members present: Supervisor Stanton, Treasurer Brubaker , and Trustee Courliss.

Reading of the minutes for the special meeting, March 14, 2025 and the regular March meeting were read and approved. First by Stanton and second by Courliss, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Many property maintenance complaints are still being dealt with. However it is a slow process.

NEW BUSINESS: Stanton reported that a barebones prototype for a website is being discussed with Schumaker Technology Group.

Stanton also related that Clerk Smith is working on an ordinance to recover insurance fees from house fire and personal injury calls by the fire department. A motion to accept the FY 2025-2026 budget was presented by Stanton, second by Brubaker. Motion passed.

The sealed bids were opened by Supervisor Stanton and Treasurer Brubaker with the highest bid from Tyler Brandon , 5165 CR RD 29, Auburn, IN 46706, for \$6,543.00. He will be contacted this week.

Commissioner Stoll was in attendance and reported that Frontier is going ahead with grant funds in 2026 for the installation of broadband in Branch County. However, Sherwood Township is not part of that plan. B grant funds will eventually cover all of the township, but it will be a while. He also stated that a twenty-four hour road patrol is starting today, April 1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smurr reported 5 calls this month. He is also concerned about the two bad accidents that recently occurred at the corner of Dunks and Athens Roads. One of these accidents resulted in a death. He suggested a blinking stop sign be placed at the corner.

TREASURER: The general fund balance is \$114,842.09. Brubaker showed reports from the 2024 tax collection period that show the township will have a tax revenue of just over \$80,000.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Trustee Courliss presented pictures of properties to consider turning over to Safebuilt. He also submitted a proposal outlining the cost to pave or gravel Chippawa Road to Cherokee Road.

CLERK: Not available.

SUPERVISOR: He has looked into having a different company do the dust control this year. Affordable Driveways, LLC was suggested by the road commissioner and they are charging \$9750 as compared to \$15,158 from our former company.

Supervisor Stanton has been in contact with the Branch County road commissioner. He said that the township's share of the estimated cost for road repairs they would like to schedule for Sherwood Township amounts to \$96,000. Stanton will ride around the township with the commissioner and determine which projects are the most important as our budget does not allow for that large an output this year. Because so little has been done in the last few years, we will try to do a little more each year'

Stanton offered our condolences to Doug Diamond on the passing of his father this last month.

Diamond also said he would mulch the end of the township building and if we want anything planted there, he would do it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Margie Whitcomb mentioned that a tree was damaged during last week's storm and that Seeley & Son was a good company to take care of it. Diamond said that if we are willing to wait, he will do it.

It was asked if anything is being done about the tornado cleanup? Also, if there is a government program available for help?

A motion to pay bills by Stanton, second by Courliss. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn meeting by Stanton, second by Courliss. Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

Submitted by Dale Marie Brubaker, Sherwood Township Treasurer