

Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

Meeting called to order by Toren Stanton at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Toren Stanton

Board Members in attendance: Supervisor Stanton, Treasurer Brubaker and Clerk Smith.

Board Members absent: Trustee Courliss & Trustee Brott

Reading of the minutes and a motion to approve the January minutes, first Clerk Smith by second Supervisor Stanton. All in favor 3-0. Accepted and passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Supervisor Stanton brought forth a wage increase for our hourly employees. The current hourly wage is \$13.00/hr and the board would like to increase to \$15.00/hr for a more living wage. It was moved by Supervisor Stanton to increase the hourly wage from \$13/hr to \$15/hr, second Clerk Smith. All in favor 3-0. Accepted and passed.

County Commissioner Tim Stoll, who is also a Sherwood Township resident, announced that Frank Walsh has been hired as the County Administrator. They are also in the process of hiring a finance director which is good for keeping an open book. Broadband project is going on in Branch County; Frontier will be pursuing it. Frontier will be starting in the village with their project. Veterans Affairs is hiring a new director, Charles who is the current director, is retiring at the end of February.

Fire Department:

January 4 calls total. Ice water rescue in Burlington. 1971 truck that needs to be sold. In the past most things have been sold with a sealed bid, so we will proceed with that going forward.

Treasurer:

\$153,542.73 current balance. Renewed the perpetual care CD, closed the other CD's that were due for a total of \$65,000. We will reinvest into another CD.

Treasurer Brubaker would like to renew her custodian to the Township's funds. Last updated was 1998. Garbage cards are still being sold at a steady rate.

Clerk:

All of the January bills have been paid. No purchases. Clerk Smith completed the W-2's and they were sent out. Also completed all the other tax papers that were required and those were sent as well. Budget is underway for 2025-2026 FY. We have had two work sessions and it's coming along and will be ready at our March meeting to present for approval. Garbage service is going along well. Working really closely with Mike from Best Choice Garbage who bought out Sammy's and he is happy to keep the relationship going with the township. He has been here 3 weekends in a row and we are now back on schedule.

Supervisor:

Supervisor Stanton reports on garbage service, echoes Clerk Smith statements. Nothing else to report.

Public Comment:

Jason Bingaman, undersheriff in Branch County is looking forward to working here in Branch County. Mid April going back to 24 hr coverage. Just placed an order for body cams and in car cameras. Undersheriff Bingman sees a lot of positives happening in Branch County, stuff to improve on. He is excited to work with Sheriff Blankenship.

Margie Whitcomb is reporting on the Aquatic Center in Coldwater. \$5 for an water aerobics class, she is enjoying it and encourages others to use it.

Supervisor Stanton moves to approve the bills for the month of January, Treasurer Brubaker second. All in favor 3-0. Motion carries.

Supervisor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:52, Treasurer Brubaker second. All in favor 3-0. Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Smith

Sherwood Township Clerk
