

Board Meeting Minutes

June 2, 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, Trustee Courliss & Trustee Brott

Reading of the minutes and a motion to approve the May minutes, first by Clerk Smith second Supervisor Stanton. All in favor 5-0. Accepted and passed.

Old Business:

Property Maintenance Requests: SAFEbuilt handing out final notices on older requests. 3 new complaints for the month of May.

New Business:

A proposal from the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance, specifically the penalty provisions from criminal to civil. The courts are reluctant to send someone to jail for violating an ordinance, the PC is recommending that we adopt a provision that we can add a lien on the property or add it to the taxes instead of sending them to jail. The PC Board is also going to start looking at our ordinances for revisions. Ken Bell, member of the PC Board recommends that we do not take action on this tonight. Ken Bell has written a letter to the county for their review and asks for clarification on proceeding forward. What it means for the provision later on if someone wants to challenge the ordinance, Ken wants to make sure that we follow the law so it cannot be challenged. The PC Board would like to take the criminal provision out of all the ordinances.

Fire Department: 2 lifecare assist, 1 mutual aid for a tanker for a Bronson fire.

Treasurer: \$200,877.60 balance for May. We moved the tax money over that was just over \$101,000; part of this money is the Union Lake Fund which totals \$21,330. Dale Marie purchased the plants for the side of the building. Doug and Kit planted and mulched and it looks good.

Clerk: All bills were paid and nothing was out of the ordinary. One burial of Robert "Jack" King.

Supervisor: Received the resolution from the county for the road maintenance. We do not have a start date for the road maintenance. Driveway seal coating- in 2024 the board had sent a downpayment and they did not deliver on the work, Toren has reached out and will be contacting Toren for a date. If he does not, then Toren will seek out other businesses.

Dust Control- no definitive date yet. They are working with the county on grading before the dust control is applied. Trustee Brott had a township resident reach out to him about the ditch bank at the end of Thrans Rd near Girard Rd for water drainage.

Public Comment:

Tracy Counterman, new village president and wanted to introduce herself.

Supervisor Stanton moves to approve the bills for the month of May, Treasurer Brott second. All in favor 5-0. Motion carries.

Supervisor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm , Trustee Courliss second. All in favor 5-0. Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Smith

Sherwood Township Clerk
