

Campbell Township
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dennis Pepper.

Present: Dan Jackson, Kyle Shellenbarger, Denise Newman, Nicole Klahn, and Dennis Pepper.

7 visitors attended.

The pledge was given.

Agenda was approved (Pepper, Shellenbarger).

Minutes of January meeting were approved (Jackson, Shellenbarger).

Public Comment –Bonnie Cronk suggested that we look at the wages of the volunteer firefighters as they have gone many years without an increase in compensation and they are performing more and more work with the computer and other duties. She also expressed concern about the insurance rates that we pay and would like to hear more about comparisons.

Stephanie Buway from Cordelio Power introduced herself and let the board and visitors know that she would be available to discuss the possible wind turbine project in this area. There will be an open house for the wind project on Thursday March 6th at the Hughe House from 5 – 7 pm. The public is welcome. There will be light refreshments.

Treasurer's Report – Financial report was approved (Shellenbarger, Jackson).

Financials – Treasurer summarized the CD transactions from last month.

Approval of Bills \$93,507.69 were approved (Jackson, Shellenbarger).

Clarksville-Morrison Lake Sewer Report was given by Dan Jackson.

The Fire Department Report was given by Chief Paul Immoos. 30 calls in January. Changed to a new medical education provider. There is still about \$10,000 in outstanding gear for this fiscal year. The volunteer organization purchased a hose washer with donations.

Park and Cemetery Report was given by Joe Fahrni. Equipment was purchased. Joe has started the search for quotes on well drilling and hiring an electrician to work on the park and cemetery.

Library Report - NONE

Old Business – Clark Technical transition is still in the works. Should be complete by the end of February.

The budgeting process is well underway for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We discussed increasing the Assessor's salary as it was in the contract to increase every year based on the CPI. He has not received a raise since he started.

We are still in the process of striking personal property taxes.

New Business – Clerk Newman brought a resolution forward to consolidate with Boston Township for the upcoming May School Millage election. That would be the only item on our election in May, and Boston township only has a few voters in the Lakewood School area. The resolution passed (Newman, Pepper)

Board of Review members are finishing up training. Meeting for BOR is Tuesday March 4. Hearings will be Monday March 10 from 3-9 and Wednesday March 12 from 9-3. Notices will be on the webpage and in the Lakewood News.

Motion to purchase a chair cart to get the chairs out of the room that we will be moving the servers to. The fire department purchased some racking that the tables will be stacked on. Motion approved (Pepper, Jackson.)

A motion was made to provide the treasurer with a one-time stipend of \$500.00 for the use of her personal computer to conduct township business. Motion carried (Pepper, Jackson) Rachel Fahrni, who maintains the cemetery software does not have a computer to use for the software. We will revisit next month to either pay a stipend or purchase a laptop for this purpose.

Dennis Pepper met with the Ionia County road Department for over an hour. Discussion points were the GradAll, Brine, and Gravel contracts and Bell Road bridge. The ICRD has changed engineers.

Public Comment – Adam McArthur told about the upcoming Lakewood School millage proposal that will be on the ballot in May. He is a board member on the Lakewood School Board and welcomed any and all comments.

Adjourned 8:25 pm (Shellenbarger, Jackson)

Respectfully submitted – Denise Newman, Clerk, Campbell Township