

## Speaker Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

Meeting called to order **Maitland** @ 7:00 p.m., Five (5) Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance said

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Maitland(Supervisor) informed the Public that the Agenda was changed around and Public Comment would come after the township business was conducted. **Motion to approve September 6, 2022 Meeting Agenda as presented made by Murray, second by Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Approval of August 3, 2022, 2022 Meeting Minutes: **Motion to approve August 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Maitland, second by Stanley. Motion carried.**

Approval of August 2022 Treasurer's report: **Sheldon**(Treasurer) advised collection of Summer taxes continues as reflected in her report. **Motion to approve August 2022 Treasurer's Report made by Stanley, second by Murray. Motion carried.**

Approval of August 2022 bills:

**Motion to approve August 2022 bills (Township bills \$19,100.46) made by Maitland, second by Murray(Fire Dept. bills \$807.42) made Murray, second by Stanley, (Township payroll \$4,618.75) made by Sheldon, second by Stanley). Motions carried.**

**Fire Report:** Stone(Fire Chief) absent (SEE ATTACHED REPORT) **Maitland**(Supervisor) read the Fire report. Discussion on the removal of equipment from the Village of Melvin hall and that the electric bill should revert back to the Village. Maitland(Supervisor) asked Brenda Murray(Village of Melvin Treasurer) to advise her council of the same.

**Planning Report:** Steinhoff(Planning Commission Chairman) Absent for report.

**Murray**(Trustee) Public hearing was held for the changes to the Industrial/Commercial Zones. A letter was received by **Bonnie Sproul**(Zoning Administrator) that the Sanilac County Planning Commission will hold a meeting on September 20, 2022 @ 4: 30 p.m. and they were in receipt of Speaker Township's requested changes. A representative will need to attend the meeting and after the approval the amendments will come to the township board to vote on.

**Zoning Report:** Sproul(Zoning Administrator) SEE ATTACHED REPORT

**Old Business:**

November Township Meeting Date:

**Cubitt**(Clerk) explained that when looking at the calendar there was a mistake on when the November Election would be held and the November township meeting could be held on November 1, 2022 as regularly scheduled. **Motion to approve changing the November township meeting from November 2, 2022 to November 1, 2022 made by Maitland, second by Stanley. Motion carried.** Website and calendar dates on the front lobby door will be updated.



## **New Business:**

### Township Agreement for Improvement on Local Road(Limestone Application:

Maitland(Supervisor) presented the Sanilac County Road Commission Township Agreement for Local Roads(SEE ATTACHED). Discussion was held at the August meeting about a test patch to see how the limestone would hold up. Fischer Road after the water project has problem areas. **Motion to Approve the Township Agreement for Improvement of Limestone Patching on Various Roads in the amount of 1,000 tons at a cost not to exceed \$22,430.00 made by Murray, second by Stanley. Motion carried.**

### Public Comment: ( Present: SEE ATTACHED SIGNATURE PAGES FOR ATTENDEES)

Maitland(Supervisor) advised the Public that everyone present had an opportunity to speak but would be held to 3 minutes to be timed and are asked to say their name and address prior to speaking.

### Tyler Cummings Presentation:

Maitland(Supervisor) first introduced Tyler Cummings from Bridgehampton Township and advised he would be speaking about a Marijuana grow operation and he had 15 minutes to present his business plan as arranged prior to the meeting. **Tyler Cummings** stated he did not have a business plan to present at this time as he knows the township as opted out of Recreational Marihuana grows, but he will be seeking petitions to get a referendum on the next General election to have the township residents vote to change the ordinance. Maitland(Supervisor) asked **Cummings** to introduce the male subject standing up with him and he advised he was **Jimmy Cribbins** and he was his partner in the project as **Cribbins** owns the land in Speaker Township.

**Cummings** went on to discuss the 6,000 plant grow operation on 12.6 acres at the corner of Jordan/Sheridan Line Rd. He stated that until such time the ordinance is changed they will be growing Hemp at that location. Questions from the Public ranged from security, fencing, cameras, odor, building size to the sale of the product from the property. The operation will employ 20 full-time employees and 50 to 100 seasonal employees. There will be a pond for a water source. The crime element was also discussed and Cummings advised he has done research and there is not as much crime involving marihuana now as the emphasis is on Meth these days.

### Windmills:

Maitland(Supervisor) opened up the floor for anyone to talk about any issue. Discussion ensued on the Windmills coming into Speaker Township. The tone of the meeting was opposition to the Windmills. Several members stated that they were not aware and there was no public notice of these Windmills being approved by the township board. Maitland(Supervisor) tried to get the point across that the township board did not approve any windmills. The Windmill Ordinance was adopted to set parameters should the windmill companies approach residents so they would know the guidelines. As of today, no permits have been filled and no maps provided of where the windmills will reside. The discussion continued that those present wanted Liberty Power stopped and they were informed that it really was too late that the township followed the proper procedure to inform the Public by posting notices in the paper and holding public hearings, etc. Many stated they don't read the paper. The synopsis of the concerns are listed below:

Health concerns ( Has research been done on how it will affect residents' health) Hydraulic fluid leaking into the ground, etc.

Environmental study (Requesting be provided to the Public). Maitland(Supervisor) advised that once permits are submitted they will include the necessary information and will be for public view. Concern for the animals, bees, etc. Also, well water concerns and hunting.

Shadow Flicker ( Will disturb everyone's homes) May not affect everyone the same.

Height(Highest in the country)

Setbacks

Noise (Monitoring of noise and how complaints will be addressed)

Road Maintenance (Wear and tear on roads and will Liberty fix?) Road Commission will be heavily involved. An escrow account will be set up with funds to be used for items like this, which will be funded by Liberty.

Training of Firefighters and how they will handle a windmill fire. Discussion on Liberty's protocols to be included in the permits ,etc.

Property Value Depreciation due to the Windmills.

Where the power captured will go?

Who is liable if something goes wrong with a windmill?

Which Board members are getting windmills on their property?

Decommission of Windmills (Discussion that township has hired a consulting firm to handle these types of issues and more) Liberty is responsible.

Danger zone (Neighbors can't build within a certain pathway of a windmill?)

Would like a Moratorium to stop any construction, etc. for a few months to get answers.

Discussion continued with people talking over each other as people were not adhering to the 3 minute time frame as requested. After much back and forth it was finally communicated that the public wanted a meeting with the attorney to get answers to their questions and concerns. Sheldon(Treasurer) stated that she couldn't promise as to the attorney's schedule but we would attempt to get him at the October 4, 2022 meeting to try to better answer the Public's questions.

Motion to Adjourn meeting @ 9:05 p.m. made by Stanley, second by Murray. Motion carried.

Dawn M. Cubitt

Speaker Township Clerk



Treasurers Report

Tuesday, September 06, 2022

Checking

	July	Aug				Aug	Interest Rate
	Reconciled Balance	Checks / Debits	Deposits	Service Charges	Interest	Projected Balance	
<b>Tri-County Bank</b>							
Fire Truck Fund 0435	\$67,040.87				\$11.39	\$67,052.26	0.20%
Operating Fund 0242	\$54,474.98	\$807.42			\$9.26	\$53,676.82	0.20%
Millage Fund 3293	\$21,957.15				\$3.73	\$21,960.88	0.20%
ARPA Funds 5040	\$130,167.93				\$22.11	\$130,190.04	0.20%
<b>Choice One Bank</b>							
General Fund 0128	\$255,955.85	\$22,343.42	\$370.00		\$2.05	\$233,984.48	0.01%
Social Security 9110	\$1,041.53	\$1,173.30	\$1,173.30			\$1,041.53	0.01%
Tax Fund 7556	\$46,787.49	\$69,441.20	\$75,728.36		\$0.42	\$53,075.07	0.01%

Petty Cash

Change for Taxpayers \$300.00

\$300.00

CD's

	Aug Balance	Date of Interest Pd 4x/Yr	Interest	YTD Int	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
<b>Tri-County Bank</b>						
CD3844	\$51,258.83	5/12/2022	\$19.38	\$57.49	0.15%	2/14/2024
CD3852	\$51,258.83	5/12/2022	\$19.38	\$57.49	0.15%	2/14/2024
CD4166	\$51,234.57	7/15/2022	\$19.15	\$57.44	0.15%	4/15/2023

**Speaker Township**  
**July 2021 - March 2022**  
**Property Taxes Collected**

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total Taxes	To Be Collected	
Collected - Summer	\$92,860.56	\$73,849.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,709.66	Summer Taxes	Winter Taxes
Collected - Winter						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$451,786.19	Total Taxes
**Interest										\$0.00		\$0.00
	<u>\$92,860.56</u>	<u>\$73,849.10</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$166,709.66</u>	<u>\$451,786.19</u>	<u>\$451,786.19</u>

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Collected from County	Delinquent	Due To
Sanilac County	\$92,860.56	\$73,118.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,979.18	\$444,666.40
State (QFP)	\$186.39										\$186.39	\$186.39
Wm. H. Atkin Lib						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sanilac ISD						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Clair RESA						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SC4						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brown City Schools						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Croswell Schools						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peck Schools						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yale Schools						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Due to Gen Fund						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admin Sum	\$954.04	\$730.48				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,684.52	\$4,468.40
SET COLLECTION	\$2,465.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,465.00	\$2,465.00
Admin Win						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roads						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Due to Fire Fund						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Collected	<u>\$96,465.99</u>	<u>\$73,849.10</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$170,315.09</u>	<u>\$451,786.19</u>
												<u>\$0.00</u>
												<u>\$449,321.19</u>

\*\*Int paid to County

Report is updated when payments are made after the 15th and last day of each month.

# Speaker Township - General Fund Transaction Detail by Account August 4 - 31, 2022

No item	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check		08/04/2022	12284	Clark Hill PLC	Richard Sundqui...	-32.50
Check		08/04/2022	12285	Sanilac Co. Road Comm...	Brine Application...	-16,480.00
Check		08/04/2022	12286	Taylor Butterfield, P.C.	June billing for at...	-1,260.00
Check		08/04/2022	12287	McIvor Lawn Care	July lawn mowin...	-85.00
Check		08/09/2022	12288	GFL Environmental	Twp Share of gar...	-40.00
Check		08/09/2022	12289	DTE Energy	Street Lights Acc...	-115.96
Check		08/04/2022	12290	Danielle Choate	Refund of Hall R...	-50.00
Check		08/07/2022	debit	Quickbooks	Intuit QB monthl...	-16.96
Check		08/16/2022	12291	Frontier	July Billing Phon...	-19.99
Check		08/16/2022	12292	Frontier	July Billing Phon...	-19.99
Check		08/16/2022	12293	Sproul, Bonnie J	Refund for Hall R...	-50.00
Check		08/18/2022	12294	DTE Energy	July Billing Acct#...	-207.51
Check		08/18/2022	12295	Michigan Township Asso...	Webinar charges...	-25.00
Check		08/23/2022	12296	Sanilac County Clerk	Notice of registra...	-81.41
Check		08/30/2022	12297	Larry Czap	Snow Removal ...	-300.00
Check		08/30/2022	12298	GFL Environmental	Garbage Billing f...	-22.55
Check		08/30/2022	12299	Semco Energy	August Gas Billin...	-7.52
Check		08/30/2022	12300	Quadient	Postal Meter Yea...	-190.71
Check		08/30/2022	12301	Frontier	August Billing Lo...	-95.36
Total no item						-19,100.46
TOTAL						-19,100.46

*William Fitzgerald*  
*Charles D. D...*

*Don M. Quibitt*

*Don M. Quibitt*

5:33 PM

09/01/22

Accrual Basis

**Speaker Township - Fire Fund  
Expenses by Vendor Summary  
August 3 - 31, 2022**

	Aug 3 - 31, 22
BP	48.00
Brown City Auto Parts	61.33
DTE Energy	57.51
Frontier	168.58
GFL Environment	62.55
Mclvor Lawn Care	85.00
Municipal Emergency Services	278.44
Semco Energy	46.01
TOTAL	807.42



# Speaker Township - General Fund Payroll Summary September 1, 2022

Employee Wages, Taxes and Adjustments	Baumeister, Shelly M		Cubitt, Dawn M		Kesteloot, Debra A		Maittan...
	Hours	Rate	Sep 1, 22	Hours	Rate	Sep 1, 22	Hours
Gross Pay							
Assessor Wages	1		1,244.58			0.00	
Clerk Wages			0.00	1		900.00	
Deputy Clerk			0.00			0.00	
Deputy Treasurer			0.00			0.00	
Supervisor Wages			0.00			0.00	
Treasurer Wages			0.00			0.00	
Zoning Wages			0.00			0.00	
Total Gross Pay	1		1,244.58	1		900.00	
Adjusted Gross Pay	1		1,244.58	1		900.00	
Taxes Withheld							
Federal Withholding			-89.00			-104.00	
Medicare Employee			-18.04			-13.05	
Social Security Employee			-77.17			-55.80	
MI - Withholding			0.00			0.00	
Medicare Employee Addl Tax			0.00			0.00	
MI - Cities Res Tax			0.00			0.00	
MI - Cities Work Tax			0.00			0.00	
Total Taxes Withheld			-184.21			-172.85	
Net Pay	1		1,060.37	1		727.15	
Employer Taxes and Contributions							
Medicare Company			18.04			13.05	
Social Security Company			77.17			55.80	
MI - Obligation Assessment			0.00			0.00	
Total Employer Taxes and Contributions			95.21			68.85	



**Speaker Township - General Fund  
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	Wolf, D...		TOTAL	
	Sep 1, 22	Hours	Rate	Sep 1, 22
<b>Employee Wages, Taxes and Adjustments</b>				
Gross Pay				
Assessor Wages	0.00	1.00		1,244.58
Clerk Wages	0.00	1.00		900.00
Deputy Clerk	0.00	1.00		292.50
Deputy Treasurer	277.50	1.00		277.50
Supervisor Wages	0.00	1.00		416.67
Treasurer Wages	0.00	1.00		987.50
Zoning Wages	0.00	1.00		500.00
Total Gross Pay	277.50	7.00		4,618.75
Adjusted Gross Pay	277.50	7.00		4,618.75
<b>Taxes Withheld</b>				
Federal Withholding	0.00			-231.00
Medicare Employee	-4.02			-66.96
Social Security Employee	-17.20			-286.38
MI - Withholding	0.00			0.00
Medicare Employee Addl Tax	0.00			0.00
MI - Cities Res Tax	0.00			0.00
MI - Cities Work Tax	0.00			0.00
Total Taxes Withheld	-21.22			-584.34
Net Pay	256.28	7.00		4,034.41
<b>Employer Taxes and Contributions</b>				
Medicare Company	4.02			66.96
Social Security Company	17.20			286.38
MI - Obligation Assessment	0.00			0.00
Total Employer Taxes and Contributions	21.22			353.34

## Notes from Fire Chief of Speaker Township

here were two runs in August

All of the trucks with fire pumps underwent the annual pump testing and passed without issue.

There has started to be some FEMA grant awards. Sadly none to us as of yet . I unfortunately am not hopeful.

I do believe we are going to have to purchase SCBA's ourselves as our current units are outside their service life . And this will be the third year we have applied and waited for FEMA grant and it just does appear to be happening for us .

We have moved all STFD apparatus to the M19 hall as the majority of responders live closer to that station. It also gets the main engine out of the damp environment of the village hall that has plagued us with corrosion issues for years. Also with no utilization of the village hall we should not be responsible for subsidizing the utilities Heat/Electric any longer .

Any questions please feel free to call me anytime.  
Trevor 810-404-0256



# **Speaker Township**

## **Zoning Report**

**Sept. 6, 2022**

8/3/22 Nathan Palmer asking if livestock is allowed in the township

Sam - had questions regarding possible property purchase

8/15/22 Sent 2<sup>nd</sup> blight letter to property owner at 429 E. Fremont Rd; has owner has taken action to correct

8/22/22 Platinum Title Company asking if any open permits on 7626 Reddicliffe Rd.

9/1/22 Property owner at 70 W. Galbraith Line wants to clean up his pond. Copy of Pond Ordinance sent; he was informed if he cleans the pond no permit is required but if he increases the size of it he will need to apply for a LUP

9/1/22 Chris is looking at property on Jordan Rd., questioning if buildable. Parcel has obvious wetlands; advised him to contact EGLE or the Soil Conservation District in Sandusky.

Bonnie Sproul

Zoning Administrator

# Speaker Township Board Meeting

## Sign in Sheet

Date: 9-6-22

Printed Name

Signature

Brenda Murray

Brenda Murray

Jan Pries

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Jan Pries

Bonnie Sproul

Bonnie Sproul

David Sproul

David Sproul

Ed Chandler

Ed Chandler

Carol Patrick

Carol Patrick

CAROLYN PATRICK

Carol Patrick

Andrew + Michael Schuster

Andrew Schuster

Mary Bular

Mary Bular

Russ Bular

Russ Bular

Jonathan Bular

Jonathan Bular

Nicholas Bular

Nicholas Bular

Matthew Bular

Matthew Bular

Roger Van Damme

Roger Van Damme

Bella Hoffman

Bella Hoffman

Sheryl Cribbins

Sheryl Cribbins

James Cribbins

James Cribbins

Tyler Cummings

Tyler Cummings

Andrew Craig

Andrew Craig

# Speaker Township Board Meeting

## Sign in Sheet

Date: 9-6-22

Printed Name

Signature

Gary Craig

Gary Craig

SUE MOSKWA

Sue Moskwa

Jim MOSKWA

Jim Moskwa

Jim WIRTH

Jim Wirth

Carolyn Fairman

Carolyn Fairman

MARK FAIRMAN

Mark Fairman

Diavlyn Strickler

Diavlyn Strickler

Rockelle Stevens

Rockelle Stevens

Cindy Chesnutt

Cindy Chesnutt

CHARLES GOBANA

Charles Gobana

Bill Angerbrandt

Bill Angerbrandt

Mary Angerbrandt

Mary Angerbrandt

DWIGHT BARTIE

Dwight Bartie

Nancy BARTIE

Nancy Bartie

John JONES

John Jones

Felix Aricols