

## **Secord Township Monthly Meeting**

**February 19, 2025 10:00 am**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joel Vernier at 10:00 am with everyone standing reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier Present

Treasurer Cheryl Stiehl Present

Clerk Kristine Panetta Present

Trustee Maria Alward Present

Trustee Harold Day Jr. Present

15 registered interested residents in attendance

Minutes of minutes January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting & February 4, 2025 Special Meeting were reviewed.

**Motion** to accept meeting minutes of January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting [correction Vernier (Present)] & February 4, 2025 Special Meeting.

Vernier/Panetta All Ayes M/C

Consent Agenda/Changes to Agenda: Add Two (2)

1. Remove Tree Cutting tabled from January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
2. Lang Drain Repair Resolution 2-19-25-2

**Motion** to accept changes Vernier/ Alward All Ayes M/C

**Public Comment:** None

**Guest:**

Mike Visnaw/County Commissioner reported on County business

Drain Commissioner

Weilander & Fitzhugh/ Audit Report Absent

**Motion** to move Weilander & Fitzhugh/ Audit Report to Public Comment if arrives today.

Vernier/Alward All Ayes M/C

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund	\$555,728.88
12 Mo. CD #S50	56,099.47
12 Mo. CD #S51	55,829.64
Fire Fund	155,607.23
Garbage Fund	252,329.74
Weed Control Fund	801,694.74
Mosquito Fund	100,128.70
Road Fund	<u>478,851.84</u>
Total Funds	\$2,344,341.13

**Motion** to Receive and File Treasurers Report Vernier/Alward All Ayes M/C

**Bills to be Paid:** Clerk Kristine Panetta presented Bills: General Fund \$ 134,592.47

Fire Fund \$233.69 Payroll \$6,299.48 Fire Department Payroll \$2,260.00

**Motion** to pay bills as presented Panetta / Stiehl All Ayes M/C

**Correspondence Received:** Fire Board January Meeting Minutes. Constable Report; All is Well

**Reports:**

Planning Commission: *None* Next meeting March 12, 2025 10:00 am

Fire Board: Chairman Peter Doyle reported 6 Runs; 5 Medical 1 Fire runs; CPR Community Program/File for Life [show AED use] for the 1<sup>st</sup> responders to have access if needed of your medical needs. Next meeting March 10, 2025.

*Chairman Peter Doyle, the Fire Board & Past Member Martin Holmes Presented Fire Chief Fred Shaver with a Plaque commemorating his 25 years of service to Secord Township as Fire Chief.*

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Fred Shaver reported on bid for the restoration of the Fire Hall. Grants are difficult due to the Township Funds over the threshold.

Constable: Absent/Excused All is well

Road Committee: Ken Douglas reported on scheduled repaving in Secord this year.

Zoning Administrator: Tim Seagraves reported/1 Permit

Blight Officer: Tim Seagraves reported 4 blight issues at this time /1 previous resolved.

Well and Septic: M. Alward reported 2 reports /passed.

**Other Business:**

Zone Administrator Pay: Request Supervisor draft a Policy and Procedure of absentee employees [over 30 days].

Fire Hall Restoration

**Motion** to approve Fire Hall Restoration Vernier/Alward All Ayes M/C

Board of Review: Meeting Dates Organizations March 4, 2025 11:30 am  
Regular Protest/Review March 10, 2025 9:00 am- 3:00 pm & March 11, 2025 3:00 pm-9:00 pm

Assessor(s);

**Motion** to approve Hire Assessor Mike Houserman Vernier/Stiehl

Supervisor Joel Vernier Aye

Clerk Kristine Panetta Nay

Treasure Cheryl Stiehl Aye

Trustee Maria Alward Aye

Trustee Harold Day Jr. Aye

Ayes 4 Nay 1 M/C

Rose Pest Solutions: Pre-pay with the 3 % reduction

**Motion** to pre-pay rose Pest Solutions Vernier/Panetta All Ayes M/C

Renew Trustee email: due February 16, 2025.

**Motion** to apply Gmail account and address for the Secord Trustees.

Vernier/Alward All Ayes M/C

Secord Lake Association Hall usage: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday April- October 2025

**Motion** to approve Secord Lake Association Hall usage: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday April- October 2025 with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July 2025. Vernier/Alward All Ayes M/C

Resolution 2-19-25-1: Supervisor Pay

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Resolution to Correct Clerical Error on Resolution 3-16-22-1

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment salary of the office of supervisor is warranted and in consideration the cost of living and additional responsibility taken by the supervisor since township board members were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2022, the salary of the office of supervisor shall be as follows:

Supervisor Salary \$18,000

The forgoing resolution offered by Board Member

Supported by Board Member

Upon a roll call vote, the following Voted

Supervisor Vernier Abstain

Clerk Panetta Aye

Treasurer Stiehl Aye

Trustee Alward Aye

Trustee Day Jr. Aye

Ayes 5 Nay 0 M/C

The Supervisor declared resolution adopted on February 19, 2025

## Lang Drain Repair Resolution 2-19-25-2

RESOLUTION 2-19-25-2 SECORD TOWNSHIP STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF GLADWIN

**WHEREAS**, the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner has advised the Secord Township Board that certain maintenance and repair is necessary to be performed on the Lang Drain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner has authority to expend funds for the maintenance and repair of the Drain pursuant to MCL 280.196(4), and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of that amount as outlined by MCL 280.196(4) of drain are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city, and village affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost when combining the at-large apportionment and the total apportionment for private lands within the township, city or village pursuant to MCL 280.196(5); and

**WHEREAS**, Secord Township is affected by more than 20% of the costs related to the Lang Drain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner has advised the Secord Township Board that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of the amount permitted per mile or fraction thereof of drain as outlined in MCL 280.196(4) for the maintenance of the Lang Drain.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Secord Township Board, that the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner is authorized to expend funds for the maintenance and repair of the Lang Drain in excess of the amount permitted per mile or fraction thereof pursuant to MCL 280.196(4), and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Lang Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Lang Drain, then the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

The forgoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Vernier and supported by the Township Board Member Alward.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Joel Vernier Aye

Clerk Kristine Panetta Aye

Treasure Cheryl Stiehl Aye

Trustee Maria Alward Aye

Trustee Harold Day Jr. Aye

Ayes 5    Nay 0    Abstain 0    Absent 0    M/C

**RESOLUTION** approved this 19 day of February, 2025, by the Secord Township Board.

**Public Comment:** Need to cover {Lean-to} over Air Conditioners & Generators.

**Motion** to Adjourn by Alward / Day Jr. 11.24 @ am

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