

Minutes - Brookfield Township Board Meeting  
June 2nd, 2025

The meeting of the Brookfield Township board was called to order by Supervisor Spotts at 7 pm. Present were: Sports, Larson, Orr, and Miller. Absent: Williams. Also present were residents: Canda Anthony, Virginia Tyler, Terry Smyth and Zach Wickert, also Chad Crandall and Troy Jamison of Crandall Brothers Trucking.

Clerk's report - minutes from April 7th meeting was read - Motion to approve as present by Larson, seconded by Orr - 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Clerk Miller read the minutes to the Special Budget Meeting on March 24th. Motion to approve as presented by Larson, seconded by Orr - 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Larson presented the Treasurer's Report for April and May.

General Fund balance: \$144,245.88

Presented April and May invoices #5285 - #5297 for Trustee's approval

General Fund expenses were: \$6827.53

General Fund income was: \$26,670.44

Tax account balance: \$2.60

Larson presented the board members with documents regarding adding a special assessment (to Winter tax bill) for township fire protection services for the board to consider. The first is from a MTA online seminar she attended and has provided the power presentation and Public Act 33 of 1951 document referred to in the presentation. The second MTA May 1999 Special Assessments document was provided by Deb Granger.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Orr to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. - 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Miller presented the Narrow Lake Sewer System financial report for April and May..

NLSS checking balance on 5/31/25: \$36,794.46

Presented April and May invoices #2595 - #2601 for Trustee's approval

NLSS expenses were: \$24,645.98

NLSS income was: \$15,299.38

Special Assessment Savings balance: \$35,183.31

NLSS Regular Savings: \$8,744.00

Moved by Larson, seconded by Spotts to accept the NLSS report as presented. 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Larson reported on the Rural Fire Association meeting of May 22nd. Truck #314 will be delivered in June. The Fire Agreement was presented. With Walton Township leaving, Brookfield Township's billing percentage increased from 16.9% to 19.9%. Townships will be

billed in December for the fire runs. She also reported the township will not be billed for Carmel Township's equipment payback as the money is being taken from the Rural Fire Association budget. Currently, there are three townships, Eaton, Chester, and Brookfield, but the City of Charlotte has informed Carmel they need to return to RFA. If Carmel Township decides to stay with the City of Charlotte, the agreement charges will increase. Benton Township has not made a decision to join RFA yet.

Commissioner Holmes reported on the county budget progress - they were given a 260 page financial report with a 41 page update to determine budget cuts. It was first proposed to cut 75% across the board, but then rescinded and individual agencies were considered one at a time. the proposed budget cuts that were discussed. They began with outside agencies followed by allocated but unfilled positions.

Resulting in some left at the present level of funding for now, an example being the Conservation District. The cuts that were made vary from 25% to 100%. Examples; Barry Eaton Health Department 25%, Tri-County Metro Narcotics 100%.

Drain District at large reduced from \$800,000 to \$600,000. The 5.68% bond refers to the Bank Intercounty Drain project that's in Delta twp.

Out county Sheriff patrol will be eliminated, there are ongoing discussions with Delta Twp for them to continue coverage under terms of a new contract. This would leave the department with approximately 35 deputies and 2 or 3 staff to cover the jail and courthouse security.

Chad Crandall and Troy James representing Crandall Brothers, were present to request a conditional use permit for mining gravel and sand from the Wicker and Gruesbeck properties between Five Point Hwy and Spicerville Hwy, east of Narrow Lake Road. Upon approval they will build an access road across the property off of Five Point and would plan to pull product out by spring of 2026. Hours of operation would be: M- F, 7 am to 6 pm, Saturdays, 7 am to noon, no Sundays or holidays. Eaton County Zoning had provided the application and maps for board review.

Moved by Orr, seconded by Larson to approve the conditional use permit for Crandall Brothers Trucking. 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Public Comment - Virginia Tyler requested that our meeting agenda be sent out, she said they would be happy to post a copy at the store. Miller agreed to email the store with the agenda for the future meetings or until the website was completed where the agenda would be posted along with minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larson, seconded by Orr. 4 Yes - 0 No - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted

Tara Miller, Clerk