

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
March 19, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Dan Woodske, Supervisor Jim Bouril, Manager Mark Taylor, Recreation Director/Assistant Manager Lauren Doyle, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Supervisor Bryan Wright and Solicitor Shannon Steele did not attend.

Chairman Woodske called the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Larry Ryan attended. He had no comments.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Woodske had the following minutes for review:

1. February 12, 2025 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting
2. February 19, 2025 Supervisors' Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

**MR. BOURIL MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12 AND FEBRUARY 19.** Mr. Woodske seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

There were no other minutes for the Supervisors to acknowledge.

### ITEMS TO BE ACTED ON

None.

### REPORTS

Chairman Woodske had the following reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Report
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Report
9. Recreation Update

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items listed on the agenda for discussion:

1. Quotes for Screening Around Dumpster Pad at Wright Fields (Turf Field Area):

Manager Taylor was given quotes on three types of screening: black chain link fencing, a bigger block type, and a split-face block that would require a footer. He recommends the black fencing, as it would match the fencing that is already there. The cost for this would be \$4,510.87. The cost of the split-face type with the foundation would cost \$11,250.00. Penn Fencing would do the black fence.

**MR. BOURIL MOVED TO DIRECT THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE BLACK FENCING.** Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Quote for Sign at The Point  
(Digital Sign Portion is COSTARS Price:

Manager Taylor said that although the Township maintained The Point for many years, we never actually owned it until now. He said it will be nice to use this digital sign to welcome visitors to the Township, announce Township events, list meeting information, etc. He said it is a "smart sign" and the quote was \$36,919. He said they looked at many ways to do this. He also got a quote to do the stonework. He said although they looked at about ten different ways to do this sign project, and they do have a quote, they are willing to consider other ideas if anyone has additional input on this matter. It was noted that electric is already there.

**MR. BOURIL MOVED TO DIRECT THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE SIGN ITEMS FOR THE POINT AREA.** Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

3. Quote for New Street Sweeper:

Manager Taylor said that this type of a 4-year or 5-year lease is more like a loan with a dollar buy-out in the end. He said that our present street sweeper is a 1994 model, and may not be operable very much longer. He explained that it is used in the spring, in the fall, and after tar & chipping. This lease has been put on hold for the Township until tomorrow. He added that since everyone sweeps in the spring, renting one is nearly impossible.

**MR. BOURIL MOVED TO PROCEED WITH ACQUIRING THE NEW STREET SWEEPER AND ALLOW THE MANAGER TO USE HIS DISCRETION REGARDING WHETHER THE 4-YEAR OR 5-YEAR LEASE IS BEST FOR THE TOWNSHIP.** Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and had a few questions regarding the status of old street sweeper. Manager Taylor said another municipality might be interested in purchasing it. There was some discussion about the old sweeper and then the motion to proceed with acquiring a new one carried.

4. Request for Exemption from Real Estate Tax for the Following Parcels:
  1. Parcel # 53-112-0131.000-1
  2. Parcel # 53-112-0300.000-1
  3. Parcel # 57-011-0200.000-1

Manager Taylor said that two of the parcels are in Big Beaver, but are in our park. He asked permission from the Supervisors to agree that these should be taken off of our tax roles. With school taxes, it could lower the Township's taxes by about \$1500 per year.

**MR. BOURIL MOVED TO DIRECT THE SOLICITOR TO REQUEST EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL ESTATE TAX ON THREE PARCELS.** Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

#### **MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Manager Taylor said several months ago the new magistrate came to the Township and requested that we proceed with our code enforcement through criminal action instead of civil action. Manager Taylor said that Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella has noticed that there are many sections in our ordinances that say "civil" instead of "criminal". He said that he and Dawna Pella think this should be looked into. They have asked Solicitor Steele how to handle this matter. He said the new magistrate wanted ordinances with "more teeth", so he does understand why the magistrate wanted the change, but the civil/criminal situation could be problematic in some instances. Instead of changing the entire ordinance, Manager Taylor suggested making a change or having additional wording at beginning, just a short paragraph to cover this, possibly adding "as deemed by the Township" or "criminal at the discretion of the Township". He said that since the Solicitor is not present this evening, this can be brought up again next month. There was some discussion on this. He and Dawna Pella explained how things work now, with her making notifications and him handling coding issues by meeting with the residents before they get to court. They reminded the Supervisors that sometimes there are repeat offenders and they do need to proceed criminally with those ones. Dawna Pella also brought up the fact that a different magistrate may have other ideas on this.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Chairman Woodske had February the bills for review.

**SUPERVISOR BOURIL MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodske, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS**

Not present. No report.

**SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Woodske adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for April 2025 are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 10 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

---

Secretary

---

Chairman