

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
AUGUST 13, 2025
AGENDA MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 10 a.m. Present were Chairman Dan Woodske, Supervisor Bryan Wright, Supervisor Jim Bouril, Township Manager Mark Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Recreation Director/Assistant Manager Lauren Doyle was attending a hearing and was not present.

Chairman Dan Woodske brought the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Hermick, Eric Chaffee, and Annette Ice attended.

MANAGER

Township Manager Mark Taylor had the following items for discussion or action:

1. Bid Opening for 2025 Road Program:

Two bids were received for the road program. Bid envelopes were opened.

Youngblood Paving, Inc.	\$107,304.00
Russell Standard	\$109,671.00

Manager Taylor said that he feels both companies are qualified and both have done work in the Township for years. Supervisor Bryan Wright asked if these amounts were close to budgeted amounts and Manager Taylor said they are.

MR. BOURIL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FROM YOUNGBLOOD PAVING, INC. AT \$107,304.00. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

2. Letter from Valley Waste Requesting a Resolution:

Manager Taylor said that Valley Waste has had success working with Jordan Services to file liens against properties. Our ordinance states that the Township will file liens. Valley Waste is trying to take this burden off of the municipalities, since they have success in collecting through Jordan. They would need a resolution in order to allow the hauler to assess liens in the future. Manager Taylor has given the information on this to the Township's Solicitor to go over. He wants to make sure this doesn't violate anything. He will work with her on this prior to next week's regular meeting.

3. General Code Agreement for Codification of Ordinances:

Manager Taylor said that the cost to the Township for codification would be \$23,995, with the yearly maintenance fee after that set at \$1,195. This will enable our staff and the community to access our ordinances. He added that there have been no updates in codification since our current Solicitor was hired.

4. Resignation of Richard Snedden from Zoning Hearing Board:

Manager Taylor said Richard Snedden will need to be replaced on the Zoning Hearing Board due to health issues. Bryan Wright knows someone who may be interested in being on this board.

5. New Digital Sign and Newsletter Policy Discussion:

Manager Taylor said that people have been asking if they can use the Township's new digital sign for advertising purposes. As of now, it is for Township information only. Chairman Woodske said that if Lauren Doyle puts together a policy for digital sign use, he thinks the final decisions should be at her discretion (as Recreation Director) as she is the one who uploads items to the sign. People also want to advertise in the new quarterly newsletter. He said that now that we are doing the newsletter in-house the Township is incurring the expenses. Adding pages would increase our cost. There was some discussion on how to make event links available to the Township residents. The Manager said they are going to try to come up with some policies on these items and he will get back with the Supervisors regarding this.

6. Planning Commission Term Expiration of Denise Zachewicz:
7. Planning Commission Term Expiration of Dave Smilek:
8. Planning Commission Term Expiration of Eric Davis:

Chairman Woodske addressed items 6, 7 and 8 together.

Supervisor Wright had a question regarding three members' terms expiring on the same date of the same year. He was told that there are several others on the Commission and their term expirations have been set up in a staggered manner, and take place in a 3-year rotation, with two members' terms expiring in 2027 and an additional two expiring in 2028. If reappointed, the above three terms will expire in 2029.

Supervisor Woodske asked for a combined vote on items 6, 7, and 8, reappointing Denise Zachewicz, Dave Smilek, and Eric Davis to the Planning Commission.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO REAPPOINT DENISE ZACHEWICZ, DAVE SMILEK, AND ERIC DAVIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERMS. Mr. Bouril seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

MANAGER'S MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Manager Taylor said that the Township has never had an ordinance regarding dogs that bark excessively. He said that the former magistrate did not think an ordinance like this would be enforceable. The Chief provided Manager Taylor with a barking dog ordinance to look over. Manager Taylor said that in order to enforce this, the complainants would have to be willing to get involved, either with ring cams, or other technology, and by testifying in court because when officers arrive after a complaint, the owner would likely just put the dog in the house. He said that the officers shouldn't be expected to just sit in an area waiting for a dog to bark. He also said that we could fine people for this. Chief Hermick explained that the Township already has laws that cover dogs running at large and laws that cover cruelty to animals, but nothing that specifically addresses excessive barking. He said that the police are currently issuing warnings and then using disorderly conduct – unreasonable noise/unreasonable times - charges. The Chief said that the sample ordinance states that the owner could be cited if the dog is barking more than 10 or 15 minutes consistently within a one-hour period of time. Manager Taylor added that this ordinance would target people who allow their dogs to be outside barking all day, not people who have a dog who just barks when a FedEx package is delivered. He will have the Solicitor look at this and get back to the Supervisors.

9. Department Reports:

A. Police

Written report submitted August 12. No additional comments.

B. Street

Written report submitted August 12. No additional comments.

C. Recreation

Written report submitted August 12. No additional comments

D. Code Enforcement

Written report submitted August 12. No additional comments.

E. Sanitary Authority

No report received this month.

F. Finance

Written report submitted August 12. No additional comments.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman