



Shelby Township Board Meeting

May 05, 2025

7:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor, Richard Raffaelli
2. Pledge of Allegiance recited
3. Roll Call: Becky Griffin – present, Cathy Anderson – present, Scott Meyers - present, Richard Raffaelli – present, Cindy Rapes – absent
4. Public Comments: Constance Campagna is opposed to the placement of the fuel tank and porta-john at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Constance believes both are an eyesore and would like to propose the porta-john be moved to the west or east side of the building. Constance also proposes the Township build a screen/fence around the fuel tank and porta-john to help disguise these dwellings.
Jeannie Newman is unhappy with the placement of the fuel tank, does not appreciate the setting of the porta-john, and would like to see more of the large pine trees removed. Jeannie proposes the original bathroom be restored and reopened for use. If this is too costly, she would then suggest relocating the porta-john to the west or east side of the shed and erecting a large fence painted to match the building. Jeannie informed the board that the fuel tank is only 24 feet from where her parents are buried and she has concerns for ground contamination from fuel spills or leaks. Township Supervisor, Richard Raffaelli, informed both ladies he would move the porta-john location and build a fence or screen structure around both the fuel tank and the porta-john to help them blend into the Cemetery more.
5. Scott Meyers made a motion to approve the agenda as written, motion supported by Cathy Anderson, discussion followed, motion carried.
6. Cathy Anderson made a motion to approve minutes from 04/07/2025 Board Meeting as written, motion supported by Becky Griffin, discussion followed, motion carried.
7. Fire Board update provided by John Hendrixon; 41 calls were received in the month of April, 21 of these calls were medical in nature. Chief White met with the Village regarding their easement agreement and plan to start excavation soon. The hydrant testing apparatus utilized by the fire department no longer works, the Fire Board approved spending up to \$2,000 on replacing the hydrant testing apparatus. The 1997 Ford van has not sold, Shelby-Benona Fire Department has decided to work with Grant Township Fire Department to outfit the van to be used as a rehab vehicle in mutual aid fires. The van will be donated to the Oceana County Fire Training Committee as they are a 501c entity and have the ability to insure and maintain the vehicle.
8. Planning and Zoning updates:



9. Old Business:

- a. Resolution # 250505-1 (Adjust Cemetery Pricing for Mt. Hope & New Era Cemeteries) Scott Meyers made a motion to accept resolution 250505-1, increasing the rates for Mt. Hope Cemetery and New Era Cemetery burials by \$50, motion supported by Becky Griffin, discussion followed, roll call vote; Scott Meyers – yes, Becky Griffin – yes, Cathy Anderson – yes, Richard Raffaelli – yes. Absent – Cindy Rapes.

10. New Business:

- a. Grants and Appropriation Requests for the next fiscal year: \$1 million in State Appropriations towards public pool. \$400,000 in appropriations from MDOT. \$1.2 million to be slated for roadwork, requested from State of MI. Application for DNR and MSHDA grants.

11. Board Comments: Scott Meyers stated that Richard Raffaelli works hard to keep the business and money local and it is appreciated. Becky Griffin informed the Township Board that she has spoke to BS&A about providing the Township with a link to accept credit card payments.

12. Treasurer Report

13. Clerk Report, Becky Griffin made a motion to pay bills totaling \$772,153.34 presented by the Clerk, motion supported by Scott Meyers, discussion followed, roll call vote; Becky Griffin – yes, Scott Meyers – yes, Cathy Anderson – yes, Richard Raffaelli – yes. Absent – Cindy Rapes.

14. Additional Public Comments: None

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm by Richard Raffaelli, Township Supervisor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Anderson,
Clerk