

SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Present: Fisher, Bertorelli, Poole, Lewandowski, and Wiatrowski

Absent: Stein and DeGrandchamp

Meeting was called to order by Trustee Poole at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Zach Kenreich from SHAES was in attendance and gave a report and **Gail Gladney** gave a report from Van Buren County.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Poole reported that Tasha Smalley, the Zoning Administrator is working with Samaritas to bring that project forward. Trustee Wiatrowski reported 40 STR inspections have been completed. Clerk Bertorelli reported that she met with the attorney and they recommended the township create an Ordinance Enforcement Officer to assist with issues that may arise with STR and other ordinances not being followed.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to adopt Resolution 25-21 creating the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Fisher, to open the Public Hearing for the Fire Millage. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Poole explained the process of budgeting and how we come to the number of mills we recommend. SHAES is hoping to add four new positions. The recommendation is 3.63 mills to meet our obligation to the SHAES budget.

Brian Horan, 15th Avenue, asked when the current process for adopting the fire millage was put in to effect. The answer was 1975.

He asked what the maximum ask could be. The answer was 5 mills.

He asked how long it would be set for. The answer was one year.

W.C. Askew, M43, said SHAES does an excellent job.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Lewandowski, to close the Public Hearing. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to adopt Resolution 25-22, adding in that it was for one year. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Fisher, to adopt Resolution 25-23 Introduce Ordinance 170 Amending Ordinance 160 for Lighthouse Ridge Pilot. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Wiatrowski, to open the Public Hearing to Amend the 425 Agreement at 09160 M140. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Poole explained that the owner of this property, Wayne Pecina, petitioned the township to have his property removed as the current agreement will not allow him to proceed with the development of his property as planned and started.

There were no comments or questions from the board or the audience.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to close the Public Hearing. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Wiatrowski, to adopt Resolution 25-24 to Amend the 425 Agreement on M140. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Lewandowski, to adopt Resolution 25-25 approving the L4029. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewandowski, to renew approval for the PUD on Phoenix Road for the Campground being developed by Mike Hill as recommended by the Planning Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. W.C. Askew was in attendance for the Road Commission, Jean Stein reported for the Library.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Lewandowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$45,479.43. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Phillip Poole, Trustee