

SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

Sagola Community Bldg.

January 5, 2026

Minutes [Approved]

Ryan Mulder, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Ryan Mulder, Clerk Julie Roell,
Trustees Luke Fleming, David Roell

Members Absent: Treasurer Marissa Berg

Moved by J. Roell, supported by Fleming, to approve the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED

Comments were offered regarding data centers, such as bitcoin mining operations and the negative effects that harm the community. The public was invited to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on Jan. 13th to address their concerns.

Moved by Mulder, supported by Fleming, to approve the 12/1/25 Regular Meeting Minutes to include Luke's comment that he will forward MCL sick leave information to Julie. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. Roell, supported by D. Roell, to pay special bills: Election Source (\$1190) annual maint. fee for election equip.; VISA (\$233) pallet forks and printer ink; Tyler Tech (\$1428) Fund Balance annual support; UP International Truck (\$5746) F.D. tank maint., and all regular bills. MOTION CARRIED

Marissa was absent but her report was read at the meeting and is included in the Minutes Book.

No bids have been received for the Channing property. The bid notices that are posted will not be taken down. The Noise Ordinance is in effect.

Luke reported that the EMS Bldg garage doors need to be fixed as they are too difficult to open manually. **Moved by Mulder, supported by Fleming, to expend up to \$12,000 for new garage door openers, and for STAR to pay half the cost.**

MOTION CARRIED

The old system will be kept in case it will fit at the Channing ballpark garage.

Amy was not present, and no report was emailed.

Dan reported three page-outs in the past month. He is still looking into possibly billing We Energies for future charges incurred by the response of our Fire Dept. to downed power lines. **Moved by J. Roell, supported by Mulder, to accept new FD applicant, Amanda Viane. MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Marissa Berg, Absent

AGENDA

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:02 p.m.

Comments Closed: 6:09 p.m.

MINUTE APPROVAL

12/1/25 Meeting Minutes *Approved*

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Special & Regular Bills *Approved*

Treasurer/Marissa Berg

Supervisor/Ryan Mulder

Trustees/Luke Fleming, David Roell

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessor/Amy Bucek

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief

Pam's report was emailed to the Board. Two questionnaires regarding BP Gas Station were filled out and sent.

Vinnie gave his monthly report: snowplowing, fixed toilets in the Community Bldg, and someone had hit the fence and he will straighten it out in the spring. **Moved by J. Roell, supported by Mulder, to purchase batteries for the camera at the main door entrance.**
MOTION CARRIED

Travis Woodward salted the parking lot at the Comm. Bldg. and an invoice will be sent.

Clean up at the burnt house in Channing has been paid for, and Travis Woodward will clear and haul away the debris in the spring.

The Sawyer Lake easement was printed, but not filed at the courthouse. An attorney is needed to draw up an easement to East Shore Lane for Camp Molinare. The cost is expected to be around \$500 which will be split 50/50 with Camp Molinare.

Ryan is drafting a siding ordinance to be reviewed next month.

Township property north of the sewer lagoons has a nice sledding hill that could be developed if there is an easement through adjoining property owner's land.

Ryan obtained an estimate of \$9005 to replace 50 street signs that are faded. The original signage was paid for by DCRC. Ryan will call Jim Harris to get more information.

The township buildings should have secondary electric outlets. Ryan will get bids from several companies who could perform the installations.

Additional comments were heard regarding data centers. The Noise Ordinance is on the sagolatwp.com website and is in effect.

Luke: The township office door was left unlocked several times. It is unknown on how many office keys have been given out. The Board decided to purchase keyless entries to replace the keyed locks.

Ryan: Update streetlights in Channing from 7th St. to 1st St. on M95 with black fiberglass poles with outdoor switches to plug in Christmas lights. We Energies will be contacted for a bid.

Moved by Fleming, supported by J. Roell, to adjourn the Jan. 5, 2026, regular Board meeting at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes Submitted by:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date

Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick

Maintenance / Vincent Fellers

Enforcement Officer/John DuBuis

OLD BUSINESS
Sawyer Lake Easement

Siding Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS
Sledding Hill - Channing

Street Signs

Secondary Electric to Twp. Bldgs

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:52 p.m.

Comments Closed: 7:03 p.m.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT

7:08 PM

