

SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting / Sagola Community Bldg.
April 8, 2026
Minutes [Draft]

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

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

Add under New Business: *(c) General Appropriations Act (d) FY Budget Approval (e) Attorney, Mileage Rate, Auditor, Banking Facilities.* **Moved by J. Roell, supported by Berg, to approve the amended agenda.** **MOTION CARRIED**

Elise, Groveland Solar Mine Project, gave updates of solar project.

Moved by Berg, supported by Mulder, to approve the 03/02/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes & Budget Planning as written. **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by J. Roell, supported by Berg, to pay special bills: Premier Heating (\$949) EMS Building maint.; Hannula Agency (\$338) 2026 Sewer Bond; Brimar (\$4890) street signs, and all regular bills. **MOTION CARRIED**
Crystal Lumber (\$668) Channing ballpark, hold check as materials were said to be donated.

Marissa handed out the Treasurer's report. The COVantage CD matures on 6/8/26 and Marissa will check on the interest rate in comparison to Northern Interstate.

Moved by Mulder, supported by J. Roell, to purchase eight flower barrels and soil at Home Depot not to exceed \$1000. **MOTION CARRIED**

Sign posts can be bought at Crystal Lumber at \$380/75 posts. An individual has offered to write grants for the township for the estimated cost of between \$250-\$500, if the Board is interested.

Luke looked at the Rec Plan to see what projects can be initiated.

Amy was not present, but emailed her report which will be included in the Minutes Book.

Dan reported two-page outs last month. Portions of the EMS building will be painted to match and the front painted gray w/black trim and possibly have the decals on the garage doors re-done.

Pam was present and reported phone calls returned and land division splits. Spring dumpsters will be placed 5/29-5/30.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

All Present

AGENDA

Amended

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:02 p.m.

Comments Closed: 6:03 p.m.

MINUTE APPROVAL

03/02/26 Meeting Minutes

Approved

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Special & Regular Bills

Approved

Treasurer/Marissa Berg

Supervisor/Ryan Mulder

Flower Barrels/Soil

Approved

Trustee/Luke Fleming

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessor/Amy Bucek

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief

Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick

Vinnie will be working with Scott, EGLE, next week. Roof was built on the Channing ballpark concession stand and painting inside.

John was present, and responded to a few complaints.

Seven summer help applications were received with Luke Fleming abstaining. **Moved by Mulder, supported by J. Roell, to hire Sebastian Buchanan, as summer help at the rate of \$15/hour.**

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by D. Roell, supported by J. Roell, to hire Tobias Fleming, summer help at \$15/hour.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mulder, supported by D. Roell, to hire Carol Coonrod and Cody Conery as summer help alternates at \$15/hour.

MOTION CARRIED

Luke and township FD personnel met with Mansfield Twp. and Crystal Falls officials to work out a new Mansfield Twp. Mutual Aid Agreement. The Board was asked if the agreement could be written for more than a one-year term. Luke will reach out to Mansfield and an up-to-date agreement will be brought to the May meeting.

Moved by Mulder, supported by Fleming, to expend up to \$67,000 for replacement of nine street lights on M95 in Channing. Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Discussion of Siding Ordinance to be put on May agenda with MI Building Code 2015 table. Should a grandfather clause be written to exclude homes with siding that doesn't conform to new codes?

Moved by J. Roell, supported by Mulder, to deed over the township owned portion of parking lot to St. Rose Church with all legal expenses paid by St. Rose. MOTION CARRIED

The north access road at the Channing ballpark needs to be graveled.

Moved by J. Roell, Supported by Berg, to approve the General Appropriations Act 2026-2027. Roll Call Vote / Ayes: D. Roell, Fleming, Mulder, J. Roell, Berg RESOLUTION CARRIED

Sagola Twp. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget was approved by Fund activity and is included in the Minutes Book.

Moved by J. Roell, supported by Fleming, to appoint Steven Tinti as twp. attorney; mileage rate at .60/mile; D. Campbell as auditor; Northern Interstate, MI Class, Co-Vantage as twp. banking facilities. MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance / Vincent Fellers

Enforcement Officer/John DuBuis

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Help *Approved*

Buchanan, T. Fleming

Coonrod, C. Conery, Alternates

Wages set at \$15/hour

2026 Mansfield Twp. Mutual Aid

Street Poles Channing

\$67,000/9 poles *Approved*

Siding Ordinance

May Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Channing Church Parking Lot

Approved

Gravel Channing Park

2026/2027 General Appropriations

Resolution Approved

Final FY 2026-2027 Budget

Approved

Attorney, Mileage Rate, Auditor,

Banking facilities *Approved*

Topics voiced: Committee to organize holiday events; flags on M95 corridor; sign at Channing Post Office needs maint.

Flooding at O&M Building; paving at church parking lot

Moved by Mulder, supported by Fleming, to adjourn the 4/8/26 Regular Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 7:40 p.m.

Comments Closed: 7:42 p.m.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT

7:45 PM