

SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN 49727

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SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2025

The South Arm Township Board held a regular meeting August 13, 2025 at 6:00PM at the South Arm Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by supervisor Robert Christensen at 6 p.m.

Present Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Kimberly Olstrom, Erick Bennett and Allan Peterson

Absent: None

Guests: Josh Chamberlain, Charles Kelly, Dave & Miki Campbell

A motion to approve the tonight's Agenda as presented was made by Bennett supported by Peterson. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 regular board meeting was made by Weber supported by Bennett. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Weber, supported by Olstrom to approve Resolution 10-25 to allow SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSEMBLE IN CLOSED SESSION regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in connection with the following specific pending litigation, as discussing the trial and settlement strategy for the pending case would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of South Arm Township, the specific pending litigation being identified as follows: *Burzych Family Cottage Trust, et al v South Arm Township*, Charlevoix County Circuit, Case No. 25-0596-28AV **Roll call vote:** Aye: Robert Christensen, Aye; Erick Bennett, Aye; Lisa Weber, Aye; Kimberly Olstrom, Aye; Allan Peterson. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Township Board went into Closed session at 6:05pm

A motion by Olstrom to come out of closed session at 6:17pm, supported by Bennett. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED. Closed session ended: 6:17pm**

The Township Board returned to open session at 6:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Weber to approve the consent judgment as recommended by the Township Attorney in *Burzych Family Cottage Trust v South Arm Township* (Case No. 25-2956-28), and authorize the Township Attorney and the Township Supervisor to effectuate the consent judgment as necessary to resolve the pending circuit court matter, supported by Bennett. Aye: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson. and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ASSESSOR: No Report

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Read Report

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PUBLIC COMMENT: County Commissioner Josh Chamberlain discussed the annual reports from NW Michigan Health Department Annual Report and Charlevoix County Road Commission as presented to the County Board of Commissioners. Trustee Bennett mentioned a complaint about brush alongside of the roads from the ice storm 2025 and the Road Commission taking care of it.

Dave and Miki Campbell discussed issues about the way the Planning Commission conducted their July 22, 2025 Special Meeting and Special Use Permit granted to Randy Dowker.

Charles Kelly discussed issues with a permanent dock being approved next door to him. He was concerned about the Township Board's agenda for its regular board meeting and felt that there had not been appropriate notice to property owners and others concerned about docks. Mr. Kelly also voiced concerns about the safety issues pertaining to the permanent dock such as, bubblers and the safety of the ice in the winter time. Mr. Kelly said he believes that a greenbelt is the most important part of the lake and that the Township Board should consider the impact of permanent docks on the shoreline.

TREASURERS REPORT:

June Balance	\$ 1,174,887.85
July Receipts	35,884.09
July Expenditures	<u>12,299.52</u>
July Balance	\$ 1,198,472.42

Six Mile Lake (SAD) acct. **Balance for July: \$33,345.06**

South Arm Township FIRE acct **Balance for July: \$125,804.10**

Whitaker Escrow Account: **\$18,663.90**

A motion was made by Olstrom to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Peterson. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Will meet 9-9-25

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

CLERK'S REPORT

The L-4029 tax rate for 2025 is due to the Equalization Department.

A motion was made by Olstrom supported by Weber to pass Resolution No 11-25 to levy from the voted allocated millage the maximum amount allowable to support the 2025/2026 General fund budget or what's allowed under "Headlee." And to levy .50 mills from the maximum .75 mills voted on for the Fire millage. **Roll call vote:** Aye: Robert Christensen, Ayes: Erick Bennett, Aye; Lisa Weber, Aye; Kimberly Olstrom, Aye; Allan Peterson. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk distributed the Audit Report

Clerk discussed upcoming school election in November

SUPERVISOR: Discussed roads

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A **motion** was made by Christensen, supported by Weber to pay the July bills and payroll totaling \$32,756.09 and to pay the Six Mile Lake Bills totaling \$8,709.75 and the Fire bill totaling \$65,440.24. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Erick Bennett, Allan Peterson and Kimberly Olstrom. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A **motion** was made to adjourn by Olstrom at 7:11pm supported by Weber. Ayes: Robert Christensen, Lisa Weber, Kimberly Olstrom, Allan Peterson and Erick Bennett. Nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Robert Christensen, Supervisor

Kimberly Olstrom, Clerk