



## **BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

**May 8, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members: V. Gage, C. Marsh, M. Pins, C. Thompson, W. Pulfrey

Greetings - Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: No comments

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025 – Amendment to minutes: In the Ambulance Articles of Incorporation, want to add emergency in the name for NEMSA. Motion made by Pins, with support from Gage to approve the minutes of April 10, 2025, as amended. Motion passed.

Pay Bills – Motion by Pins with support from Gage to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed.

County Commission Report – none

Zoning Administrator – We are currently looking for a new administrator. Information will be posted on our website.

Assessor's Report – The database is rolled over, so I'm now working on 2026 assessments. My primary focus in the last month is not only principal residence exemptions, but also the qualified ag exemptions. There are two in particular, the 3676 PA 260 program and the 2599 affidavits that have been filed.

Planning Commission Report – Meeting of April 15, 2025, the board met with EUP Regional Planning for proposal to update Master Plan.

Treasurer's Report – As of April we have 4 CDs for \$213,013.15, three road funds equal to \$667,931.96, fire and ambulance is at \$165,412.94, and our General Fund at \$445,964.87. This leaves us with a total of \$1,492,322.92.

Clerk's Report –

A. 2% fund (Sault Tribe). We have heard nothing back.

B. We signed up with Central Savings Bank for Positive Pay, to prevent check fraud. We have done test runs and the approved checks from tonight will be our first real run.

- C. Brightspeed and Highline both interested in providing service in Bruce Township. At the Board's request, Jason Kronemeyer was contacted. He does not endorse providing support to Brightspeed.
- D. FEMA – nothing from them.
- E. Computer backup almost done. Network change out presenting some issues requiring support for an extra month.
- F. Tim's credit card approval – need to resubmit his information.

Firemen's Report – Jackets are in.

Thermal Imager purchased from Snap-on Tools.

Five incidents: car accident, no extraction so recommend no cost. Controlled burn on 12 Mile and Lechner, recommend no cost. Power Line down, doing traffic control until Cloverland arrived, no cost. Illegal controlled burn on Mackinac Trail, Mutual Aid agreement with Soo Township, no cost. Ag burn on Shunk, got out of control, DNR also on site. Motion made by Pins with support from Pulfrey to send bill for this call.

Nine firefighters attended training. Also participated in 3 community events.

Need new plate for side-by-side.

Ground and Park Report – G & C Carport to be contacted about installing carport. Boat dock is in. Park is open.

Roads -

- A. 12 mile – project has not started yet
- B. 14 mile – started cutting brush. Waiting for the gravel crusher.

Cemetery – cemetery is open.

Senior Meals – going well. Serving about 40 meals in-house and 20 delivered.

Old Business –

- A. ARPA – still waiting for form to be developed for closing it out
- B. Working hours – training to be held in Marquette in June.
- C. Solar Ordinance – Motion made by Pulfrey with support from Pins to approve the definition updates. Roll call vote taken. Yea – 5, Nay 0. Absent 0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- A. Master Plan -Motion was made by Pins to approve contract with EUP Regional Planning, to help update the Master Plan, with an updated pay schedule. Support from Thompson. Roll call vote was taken Yea 5, Nay 0. Absent 0.
- B. Spring Cleanup – Motion made by Pins with support from Marsh to provide Spring Cleanup for Bruce Township residents, from May 12 to June 9. 350 pounds limit paid by the township with any additional pounds pay for by resident. Roll call vote was taken. Yea 5, Nay 0. Absent 0.
- C. Road Millage – Motion made by Gage with support from Pulfrey to approve Township Millage Renewal Proposal. Roll call vote was taken. Yea 5, Nay 0. Absent 0.
- D. Brine – Motion made by Pulfrey with support from Marsh to have Brine applied to township roads in June. Roll call vote taken. Yea 5, Nay 0. Absent 0.

Public Comment: Noise complaints from residences from 129 and 6 mile area.

Motion made by M. Pins to adjourn. Motion supported by C. Marsh. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

