

Sanilac East Fire Authority

Serving Sanilac Townships and the Village of Port Sanilac

MINUTES

**Authority Board Meeting May 12, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Bark Shanty Community Center Port Sanilac, MI**

Members Present: Sroka, Goike, Mahaffy, Griffith, Smiley

Others present: 4 citizen, Chief Moran via facetime, Darcy Johnson

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance at 6:00 p.m. by Angela Smiley

II. Public Comments

Sheryl Saliba – 7249 Erie Street – A petition was presented in Marchon behalf of the businesses and residents who want the to stop the pole mounted siren. We appreciated the Emergency First Responders and mean no disrespect for them. Several residents did not want to sign the petition because they didn't want to make enemies.

Complaints received

- Emergency Responders have devices that notify them, why ring the ear piercing air raid siren.
- Business owners do not like the sirens, says it scares the customers
- Resident that works from home cannot conduct business when the siren is going off.
- 100% of signers felt the siren should only go off for weather related emergencies
- Noon whistle is not a quaint small town sound. 98% do not like it.
- The sound decibel is deafening and rings to long.
- Thank God it doesn't go off at night, why does it have to go off during the day.
- It will be difficult to get a SEFA millage increase passed if the taxpayers voices are not heard.

Sandra Jackson- 104 S. Lake – Asked the purpose of the siren- Chief Moran responded.

Norman Hurren – Sanilac Township SEFA alternate – Introduced himself to the board.

III. Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Goike, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes Motion carried

IV. Approval of Minutes - MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Mahaffy to approved minutes of the March 10, 2026 and Study Session, March 25, 2026 as presented. All ayes, Motion carried

V. Committee Reports

a. **Finance Committee** -No meeting

- b. **Compliance Committee** -No meeting
- c. **Personnel Committee** – Chief Moran reported Kramer’s attendance has been improving.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

- a. **Approval of Bills to be Paid** – MOTION by Smiley, SUPPORT by Sroka to approve bills to be paid for April and May 2026 as presented.
All ayes, Motion carried
- b. **Financial Reports** –
 - 1. **No adjustment to be made**
 - 2. **Quickbooks** – on April 1st the new program would not allow to back date payroll checks for March 31, 2026, payroll dated for April 1st. Will affect payroll reporting payroll, for the 1st quarter. Calendar year will show one less quarter for W-2’s. Next fiscal year will even it all out.
 - 3. **State of Michigan Fire Equipment Grant** – Forwarded everyone the email regarding the grant and the timelines.

- VII. Clerk’s Report** – Collections \$250 for April 2026. One judgement was paid off in full. Have one client we have a judgement on continues to pay. Another one not taken to court makes monthly payments and is fairly consistent. Had five cases for court and one paid in full before court, certified mailings returned on three and the one that did show, a judgement was given in our favor he is appealing. Working with CBM Services for collections. Have a contract for approval .
MOTION by Sroka, SUPPOER by Griffith to approve the contract as presented.
All ayes, Motion carried
Working with Kim form Todd Insurance on a life insurance policy for the fire fighters. Also working on a policy on procedures for loss of fire .

VIII. Chief’s Report

- Run Totals for 2026-114, 2025-102
- Gold outing a success. Raised approximately \$8700.
- Fire Truck Refurbishment – Goike, Sroka and Chief Moran will meet tomorrow with a contractor from Midland, for discussion on a refurbishment plan.
- Notable event- Assist to Carsonville Fire for a shed fire
- EMS Instructor Course – Two firefighters want to take the class. Possbile to do in house MFR training. Three members passing the instructor class one and I member passing his FF1 -FF2 Class
Chief noted he was accepted into the National Fire Academy this year. This training is held in Maryland.
- 12-9 Replacement – Chief Moran presented information on possible purchase of replacement truck. Two vehicles both 2017 , one with 43,000 miles -\$62,000 and one with 87,000 miles for \$59,000.. Fully equipped except radios and lettering. Sroka voiced concerns about the 2017 model, been some pending lawsuits regarding transmissions. Also motor changes from 2017 to 2018. Chief Moran will look into the service records on these trucks. More discussion tomorrow with Chief , Goike, and Sroka.
- New Personnel – Five potential applicants, two are certified.

IX. Old Business

- a. **Policy for loss of Firefighters – No update**
- b. **Articles of Incorporation Amendments** – Was not put on the Sanilac Township agenda last month. Changes may not have to be made.
- c. **Truck Replacement Plan-** Discussion under Chief's Report
- d. **Millage Preparation** - Been approved by the Village. Request to be made that the Township put it on the ballot. MOTION by Smiley, SUPPORT by Goike, to request a two part millage, combining one mill for operations, and one mill for truck replacement in 2028 election year. All ayes, Motion carried
- e. **Fire Siren** – Residents requested the elimination of the siren. Chief Moran pointed out the siren is necessary for the safety of the trucks and pedestrians when coming out of the hall for all emergencies, including for weather emergencies and also stated that the state requires three forms of notification to the firefighters. Mahaffy noted that this is farming community and firefighters that are farmers may not have a pager or phone on them, so the siren is good way of notification. Sirens go off at noon as well. The length of the siren going off was shortened. Suggestions to eliminate the noon whistle. MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Mahaffy to eliminate the noon whistle, continue with emergency calls 8am-8pm.
Discussion – Notification to Village residents of the change. Suggestion to put on the Fire Department facebook page and Village website.
Roll Call
Ayes- Sroka, Mahaffy, Goike, Griffith, Smiley
Nays- None
Motion carried

X. New Business

- a. **Jeff Lyall Resignation**– MOTION by Goike, SUPPORT by Smiley to accept the resignation of the Jeff Lyall.
Discussion – Sroka recommended a letter and a proclamation for Jeff's years of service. Grohman to draft a proclamation, Sroka will do the letter.
All ayes, Motion carried
- b. **Appoint Contract Signer** – Recommendation to appoint John Goike. MOTION by Smiley, SUPPORT by Griffith, to appoint John Goike as second contract signer.
Ayes- Smiley Griffith Sroka Mahaffy
Goike abstained.
Motion carried
- c. **Fire Equipment Grant Program** – Members agreed to authorize Chief Moran on submitting an application for the grant. Would like to see if the grant would cover a truck purchase. Chief Moran made contact with someone regarding the equipment eligibility, He reported that truck purchases not included and the grant has been put on hold for some amendments regarding eligibility requirements.

XI. Public Comment Sheryl Saliba- Thank you

XII. Announcements – Next Meeting July 14, 2026, Griffith to chair.

XIII. Adjournment – MOTION by Smiley, SUPPORT by Goike, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Grohman
Secretary

approved