

Sanilac East Fire Authority

Serving Sanilac Townships and the Village of Port Sanilac

MINUTES

Authority Board Meeting July 14, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Bark Shanty Community Center Port Sanilac, MI

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

Others present: 2 citizens, Brian Moran SR, Chief Moran via facetime, Darcy Johnson

- I. **Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** at 6:00 p.m. by Dennis Griffith
- II. **Public Comments** – None offered
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Mahaffy, to approve the agenda as amended, #d. Meeting Schedule approval and moved NB #a to beginning. All ayes
Motion carried
 - a. **Jeff Lyall Proclamation**-Chairperson Dennis Griffith, presented former board member Jeff Lyall with a proclamation in appreciation for his his years of service as a member and co founder of the Sanilac East Fire Auothority.
MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Griffith to approve the Proclamation for Jeff Lyall as presented.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** - MOTION by Mahaffy, SUPPORT by Smiley, to approved minutes of the May 12, 2026 and Special Meeting June 3, 2026 as presented. All ayes, Motion carried
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Finance Committee** -No meeting
 - b. **Compliance Committee** -No meeting
 - c. **Personnel Committee** –MOTION by Mahaffy, SUPPORT by Smiley to approve the Personnel Committee Meeting minutes of June 2, 2026. All ayes, Motion carried
- VI. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Approval of Bills to be Paid** – MOTION by Mahaffy, SUPPORT by Smiley, to approve bills to be paid for May in the amount of \$4757.61 and June in the amount of \$58,041.61 as presented.
All ayes, Motion carried
 - b. **Financial Reports** –

1. **Budget Adjustments-** To take truck purchase out of the 26/27 Budget (this leaves \$150K for refurbishment and \$20k to add ons for new truck). 400-110 Balance fwd truck fund, \$60,000, 800-300 Vehicle major purchase \$60,000.. MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Mahaffy, to approve the amendment as presented. All ayes, Motion carried
2. **25/26 Audit** – Scheduled for Wed, July 29th.
3. **Outstanding Checks – Deniss Griiffith, Duane Messing.**
4. **Bad Debt** – Budget \$10K for bad debts to be written off last fiscal year. MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Smiley to approve the bad debt write off in the amount of \$8960.00. All ayes, Motion carried
5. **Truck Additions** - Arrow head quote for \$20,200 for additions to the new truck. MOTION by Sroka, SUPPORT by Griffith to approve up to \$25,000 for the additions to the 2026 Cheverot Truck. All ayes, Motion carried.

MOTION by Mahaffy, SUPPORT by Hurren, to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. All ayes, Motion carried

- VII. **Clerk's Report** – Collections down last couple months. Had three court cases. One case, for \$1350 Port Snailac Auto Care, awarded a judgement of \$1420. Appealed by Port Sanilac Auto Care. Judge Ross, ordered case to be amended adding the name connected to the burn permit. Will be sent back to court after second party has been served. Two others were no shows, judgements awarded, \$334. 70 and \$261.20. May consider taking back to court for wage garnishment.

Credit bureau filing is on going.

VIII. **Chief's Report**

- Run Totals for 2026-191 ad 2025 163
- 87 incidents since May 1, 2026
- Uneventful July 4th weekend
- Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm Association – Agreement signed by SEFA and need Resolution Number. This is a mutual agreement for through the whole state. No cost don't have to go if we don't have resources they don't have to go. Free of cost .
- Pancake Breakfast set for August 8th and 9th .
- Personnel up to 22 members, training is being completed.
- Sroka gave an update on the siren. In May SEFA approved eliminating the noon whistle, the matter was then taken to the Village Council. Village Council contacted attorney to verify who had control over the siren. Attorney confirmed that the fire authority is in charge. Therefore the siren will be eliminated at noon.

IX. **Old Business**

- a. **Millage Preparation – No update**
- b. **Articles of Incorporation Amendments** – Proposal rejected by Sanilac Township regarding millage, no update. Will not go on the ballot for another year.
- c. **Fire Equipment Grant Program** – Not open at this time. Chief Moran reported still some issues, but will be contacted when it will be open.

X. **New Business**

- a. **Jeff Lyall Proclamation**– Moved to beginning of the meeting
- b. **Employee Contracts** – No changes to the contracts. MOTION by Smiley, SUPPORT by Mahaffy, to approve the contracts as presented. All ayes, Motion carried

- c. **Board Member Assignments** - New assignments made, Finance Committee, Jim Sroka and John Goike, Compliance Committee Smiley Griffith, and Mahaffy, Personnel Committee, Jim Sroka and John Goike.
- d. **26/27 Meeting Schedule** – MOTION by Griffith, SUPPORT by Mahaffy, to approve the meeting schedule as presented. All ayes, Motion carried.

XI. Public Comment Sheryl Saliba – Presented a petition to eliminate the siren at all times and read comments regarding the decibel test and report.

XII. Announcements – Next Meeting September 8, 2026

XIII. Adjournment – MOTION by Mahaffy, SUPPORT by Sroka, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Grohman
Secretary