

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON December 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Supervisor Mooney called the December 10, 2024 meeting of the Southfield Township Board of Trustees to order at the Township Hall at 7:00 PM.

Present: Supervisor Mooney, Treasurer Chalifoux, Trustee Borowski, Trustee Clark, Trustee Fayz, Trustee Ross

Absent: Clerk Harryvan

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Mooney welcomed the newly elected Trustees, the newly re-elected Clerk and Treasurer. She thanked voters who elected her as Township Supervisor. Mooney introduced our updated agenda format, incorporating a Consent Agenda and Business Agenda.

Michigan Townships Association offers "New Officials Training" which is strongly recommended for all newly elected officials. Mooney hopes the new Trustees will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about Township governance. The Township pays for training and mileage reimbursement if taken in person. There is also an option to take it online. The Clerk will schedule the training on your behalf once you advise her of your desired date.

Supervisor Mooney shared the intention of ending the Township's Tax Collection Agreement with the Village of Beverly Hills. This item will be further discussed during the Board's January meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chalifoux shared the 2024 year-to-date Township Tax Collection report for 6,932 parcels and identified the different entities which the Township property taxes fund. She detailed the five (5) accounts held at Flagstar Bank and investments in seven (7) Certificates of Deposit held at several local banks.

Chalifoux further expanded on topic of ending the Township's Beverly Hills Tax Collection Agreement for 2025. The deadline to affect any change to the agreement is March 1st. This will be an agenda item for the January 2025 Board of Trustee's meeting, where additional information will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT CONTAINED ON PUBLISHED AGENDA

Lisa Ross, Kinross Dr, Beverly Hills asked if we collect taxes for Bingham Farms and Franklin. Treasurer Chalifoux replied, we do not.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. October 8, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting minutes
2. Monthly expenditures of October 2024 and November 2024

Motion by Trustee Clark, supported by Trustee Borowski to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to appoint a Representative and an Alternate to SOCWA

Supervisor Mooney explained the role of SOCWA (Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority) and the Township’s participation. This appointment is for the balance of the fiscal year that began July 1, 2024. Trustee Borowski commented on his familiarity and experience with SOCWA.

Motion by Trustee Clark, supported by Treasurer Chalifoux, the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority has requested that the Township Board of Trustees, by resolution, appoint a representative and alternate representative to represent the Township of Southfield on the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Board.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that at a regular meeting of the Southfield Township Board of Trustees held on December 10, 2024, the Board appointed Neil Johnston, Beverly Hills Public Works Director, as representative and Tom Trice, Beverly Hills Village Interim Manager, as the alternate representative, to represent Southfield Township on the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Board of Trustees for the balance of the fiscal year that began July 1, 2024.

Ayes: Mooney, Chalifoux, Borowski, Clark, Fayz, Ross

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution Adopted

2. Resolution to Appoint a Board of Review member

Motion by Trustee Clark, supported by Trustee Ross, appointed James Delaney to the Southfield Township Board of Review for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Ayes: Treasurer Chalifoux, Trustee Borowski, Trustee Clark, Trustee Fayz, Trustee Ross, Supervisor Mooney
Nays: None
Motion carried
Resolution adopted

3. Resolution to Appoint an Alternate member to the Board of Review

Motion by Trustee Borowski, supported by Trustee Fayz, appointed Phil Mueller to the position of alternate to the Southfield Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2026.

Ayes: Trustee Borowski, Trustee Clark, Trustee Fayz, Trustee Ross, Supervisor Mooney, Treasurer Chalifoux
Nays: None
Motion carried
Resolution adopted

4. Resolution to Appoint an Ex-Officio member to the Planning Commission

Motion by Trustee Fayz, supported by Trustee Clark, appointed John B. Ross to the Southfield Township Planning Commission Ex Officio for a term ending on December 31, 2027.

Ayes: Trustee Clark, Trustee Fayz, Trustee Ross, Supervisor Mooney, Treasurer Chalifoux, Trustee Borowski
Nays: None
Motion carried
Resolution adopted

5. Scheduling a Public Hearing Regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

Motion by Trustee Clark, supported by Treasurer Chalifoux, adopted the following.

The Southfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing regarding the Township’s Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 18550 W Thirteen Mile Rd, Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Ayes: Trustee Clark, Trustee Fayz, Trustee Ross, Supervisor Mooney, Treasurer Chalifoux, Trustee Borowski
Nays: None
Motion carried

BOARD COMMENTS

- Clark** Appreciated meeting the Board and looks forward to working with everyone, declaring it will likely be an exciting term.
- Ross** Thank you for all of your help and answering questions. He looks forward to helping wherever possible.
- Fayz** Stated he would like to talk about “the process” and “understanding” regarding the meeting held with the Beverly Hills Council about the tax collection.
- Borowski** Thanked all the citizens who elected him. He is pleased to be here and as a long-time resident, has attended many Township Board meetings in the last 15 years. He has some government experience having been a long-time volunteer on several Commissions, and recently as Election Inspector Chairperson.
- Chalifoux** Commented regarding the Compensation Committee and detailed relevant information that will be provided to the Board of Trustees in advance of the January 14th meeting. Chalifoux congratulated the new Board members for being elected and welcomed them to the Board. She encouraged them to ask questions regarding Township Procedures and information provided by the Township Officers.
- Mooney** Shared that at the next meeting, the Budget will be discussed and questions answered, on a department-by-department basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Supervisor Mooney adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Janet Mooney, Supervisor

Eileen Harryvan, Clerk