

SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2026

LOCATION: SAUBLE TOWNSHIP HALL

CALL TO ORDER: 11:09 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mary Ann Nugent, Gail Raad, Beth Acker, Tracy Baker, Bill Rodgers.

AGENDA: Add township projects to new business on the agenda. Nugent motion to accept the revised agenda adding township projects to new business with a second by Raad. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Township Projects**

Discussed four potential maintenance/repair projects in 2026.

1. Electronic outdoor sign - Nugent will provide quotes.
2. Lighting in the hall, supervisor office, and kitchen. Raad will contact Rick Kortman (231-534-4472) for quote. Will also have Mr. Kortman provide separate quotes for outside light by ballot box and possible mini split in office area.
3. Fire Station – replace soffit & fascia. Acker will contact Daniel Siefka (517-398-1609) and Zac Alfrejd (231-510-9900) for quotes.
4. Front Steps -repair. Will investigate skim coat or outdoor carpet. Raad will contact Rick Bolek. Baker will contact John Bennet.

Road Projects:

1. Add extra brining with an additional cost estimate of \$3500.00
2. Two miles of chip/seal with a cost estimate of \$75000.00 Nugent will contact LCRC for recommendations.

Venema vs Sauble Township Lawsuit:

- Hearing to be held on Tuesday, 2/3 at 10 A.M. Township board encouraged to attend.
- Township has incurred costs of \$5905.17 with more costs to come.
 - Can the township use Sauble Lake SAD funds to recoup fees to defend Venema's lawsuit? Nugent will contact attorney for an answer.

Budget Preparation:

- Township millages are to be included in the budget.
- State Revenue funding is down \$1000 in 2026.
- Acker will bring tax revenues to the next special meeting.
- Will address budget by line item.
- Increase those items that are currently over budget.

Blight Ordinance:

- Will address at February meeting.
- If repealed, is the Planning Commission or Township board responsible?
 - Nugent will contact attorney for answer.

Planning Commission April date change:

- At February board meeting the township board will change the date to April 14th.

Raad motion to conduct a special budget meeting on Monday, 2/2/26, at 1 PM with a second by Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Board Remarks: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Acker with a second by Baker at 12:54 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk