

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE April 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Henry in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Melen, Henry, Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker.

Councilmembers Absent: Hicks.

Staff Present: City Manager Adam Zettel, Clerk Renee Kraft.

Others Present: Metro PD Lieutenant Murphy, Andrea Yambrick, Jeff Kelley, Mark Gonyea.

Motion by Krueger, seconded by Gilbert to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Hicks.

YES: Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 250414-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Spillane

Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday March 24, 2025 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED DOOR SESSION MINUTES

Resolution No. 250414-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger

Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Closed Door Session Council Meeting held Monday, March 24, 2025 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 250414-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Melen
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as amended for the Regular Council Meeting of April 14, 2025, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen, Spillane.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 250414-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Melen

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of April 14, 2025, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen, Spillane, Gilbert.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Henry proclaimed April 13 – 19 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Swartz Creek, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and citizens safe. He read and presented the proclamation to the Genesee County 911 dispatch team.

**Proclamation
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
April 13-19, 2025**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Genesee County 911 emergency communications center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Genesee County 911 have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Nate Henry, as Mayor of the City of Swartz Creek, proclaim the week of April 13 through 19, 2025, as **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** in the City of Swartz Creek, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and citizens safe.

Signed this 14th Day of April, 2025
Nate Henry-Mayor
City of Swartz Creek

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Resolution No. 250414-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Knickerbocker
Second by Councilmember Krueger

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Michigan, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Swartz Creek, interlocal agreements in which the City of Swartz Creek is a member, and previous resolutions of the City Council require and set terms of officers for various appointments to City boards and commissions, as well as appointments to non-city boards and commissions seeking representation by City officials; and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in such a position; and

WHEREAS, said appointment is a Mayoral appointment, subject to affirmation of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council concur with the Mayor and City Council appointment as follows:

#250414-8B1	<u>MAYOR APPOINTMENT:</u> Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate Remainder of three year term, expiring June 30, 2026	Mark Gonyea
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#250414-8B4	<u>MAYOR APPOINTMENT:</u> Board of Review Authority - Alternate Remainder of three year term, expiring June 30, 2026
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YES: Henry, Melen, Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker,.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ROAD SALT

Resolution No. 250414-07	(Carried)
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Motion by Councilmember Spillane
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

WHEREAS, the city finds it necessary to control ice and snow accumulation on public streets and parking areas with the application of road salt during winter months; and

WHEREAS, this process requires approximately 1,100 tons of rock salt during a winter season; and

WHEREAS, the City's Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-406 provides for and encourages cooperative government purchasing practices; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Road Commission has previously bid and/or negotiated the purchase of rock salt for application to public right-of-ways during those relentless and invasive Michigan winters; and

WHEREAS, the GCRC negotiated a salt price for the coming winter, with year over year increase, with Detroit Salt Company of 12841 Sanders St., Detroit, at a unit cost of \$69.35 per ton, and a cooperative purchasing invitation has been extended to the City from the Genesee County Road Commission in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City finds the per-ton cost of \$69.35 to be extremely competitive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Swartz Creek City Council accepts the Genesee County Road Commission's cooperative purchasing agreement and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$76,285, plus 10% contingency, for the purchase of rock salt from the Detroit Salt Company, expenses to be distributed proportionate to use at the direction of the City's Treasurer.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Melen, Spillane, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

DISCUSSION ON CREATING AN ORDINANCE FOR FIGHTING IN SCHOOLS

Discussion Ensued with Lieutenant Murphy to create an ordinance because fighting during school, any event held before school, any event held after school, or any social or sport event hosted at school will not be tolerated. A resolution will be completed and brought back to council for a vote.

TIME CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING

Motion by Krueger that we change the time of the council meeting on April 28 to 6:00 pm. so the members of the council and staff may be able to attend the Genesee Wind Symphony concert at 7:30. Seconded by Melen.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Melen, Gilbert, Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry.

NO: Spillane. Motion Declared Carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Discussion ensued to schedule a budget workshop for Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:30pm, where all council members agreed on that date and time.

Motion by Spillane we do a budget workshop on Wednesday, April 30, at 5:30pm, here at City Hall and have it open to the public. Seconded by Melen.

YES: Krueger, Knickerbocker, Henry, Melen, Spillane, Gilbert.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Mark Gonyea: Thanked Council for the appointment. Discussion in favor of the school ordinance.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Knickerbocker: Kiwanis is hosting a Maundy Thursday prayer breakfast on April 17 at 7:30am with Dr. Chris Townsend of Carriage Town Ministries who will be the speaker of this free event at Swartz Creek Community Church at 7:30am. It is the second annual National Drug Take Back Day and also Shred Day on April 26 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Councilmember Krueger: It is the 10th Anniversary of the Genesee Wind Symphony and he has been asked to be the speaker at their next event. He walked the planet trail and recommends everyone do it.

Councilmember Spillane: Historical Society will hold its annual Cemetery Cleanup day on Saturday, May 17. Residents are requesting water in the cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 250414-011

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Melen

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

Nate Henry, Mayor

Renee Kraft

Renee Kraft, CMC, MiPMC2, City Clerk