

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025
1491 Owasippe Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457

Meeting **opened at 6:30 PM.**

Present: Jeff Abram, Lyle Monette, Debbie Therrian, Jackson Wall

Absent: Melonie Arbogast (excused)

Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular board meeting. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Perfection of agenda: None

Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Reports and correspondence noted.

Agenda Items

- **Clerk**
 - **Public hearing for the presentation of the FY2026 Budget**
 - **Open public hearing** – Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to open the public hearing at 6:33 pm. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - DNR grant line additions.
 - Fire personnel line raise.
 - Audience member had question on how the township is keeping property taxes low. He was informed that the assessor is following state rules and the Board of Review is the forum to ask questions regarding taxes.
 - **Close public hearing** – Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to close the public hearing at 6:53 pm. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **FY budget General Appropriations Act.** Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to approve Resolution #20250310-01 General Appropriations Act. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Hourly per diem rates/stipends** – Motion by Jackson, support by Debbie to approve Doc. #20250310-01 hourly per diem/stipends. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Road brine program** – Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to approve Doc. #20250310-02 Township/MCRC 2025 Brine Program in the amount of \$11,976.08. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Community Forest Township Park DNR grant** – Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson to approve Resolution #20250310-02 DNR grant Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application with the township being responsible for \$30,000.00. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - **Community forest update** – Map of park shared with explanation of what has been done and what is planned for this year.

- **Fire Chief**
 - **Fire Chief Knop** reviewed current information with the board.
- **Accounts Payable**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2025 expenses in the amount of \$336,762.82. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2025 net payroll in the amount of \$14,915.95. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2025 federal EFTPS in the amount of \$3,181.71. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**
 - Motion by Lyle, support by Debbie to approve the February 2025 state EFTPS in the amount of \$803.95. **Roll call vote: 4 yes. Motion carried.**

Board Comments: Debbie – 16th Annual Blue Lake Firefighters' Association 5K Race will be held on March 22 at 10:00 AM.

Public Comments: CJ VanWieren – Whitehall District Schools Superintendent – Introduction to board. Looks forward to working together.

Jan Erkenbrack – supports new trails and park

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Debbie, support by Jackson. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Jeffery T. Abram
Clerk