

HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m with the pledge of allegiance by Chairperson Rob Reid. Roll Call: D. Bortle, L. Williams, M. Bortle, R. Reid. – Absent E. Scott. 7 guests present.

Minutes: Motion was made by M. Bortle supported by D. Bortle to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting. All Aye, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: None this month

Correspondence / Reports

Assessor – Jim VanWormer

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Road Brining. Discussion on dates and pricing for 2026.

A Motion was made by L. Williams 2nd by M. Bortle to approve two rounds of brining for 2026, 1st application around Memorial Day, and 2nd application around 4th of July. 50%/50% participation from Road commission and Township. Continuous solid double pass application at .27 / gallon. Roll Call L Aye, L Williams, M Bortle, D Bortle and R Reid. Motion Carried.

- b. Audit – Clerk presented proposal from local firm, Schultz, Oswald, Miller & Edwards out of Rose City. She checked with Rose Township, Rose City who use this firm for auditing and got good reviews. Old Audit firm has not submitted a new bid and their contract has expired. Clerk spoke to Ellen on this prior to her vacation. Motion was made by D. Bortle and 2nd by L Williams to approve the Audit Contract for 2026 with Schultz, Oswald, Miller & Edwards. Not to exceed \$7000.00 Roll Call: Au=ye, L Williams, D Bortle, M. Bortle and R Reid. Motion Carried.
- c. Sage Lake Fire Works - Fireworks application submitted by Sage Lake for the 4th of July, insurance provided. Motion by M. Bortle 2nd by L. Williams to approve the application for the Sage lake Fire Works. All ayes – Motion Carried,
- d. Lawn Care – Current company in place for 12 years. Discussion on areas maintained. Discussion on posting bids in the paper. Time frame for posting and reviewing bids will overlap the cutting season. Discussion held to have Rob contact several companies for bids and bring to the May meeting.
- e. Drive to Transfer Station – Rob discussed the break down of the asphalt by the guard rail and suggestions to raise out the drain pipe in limestone. Rob will get bids for the May meeting.

- f. Gravel Project for Reilly Road – Price on the gravel portion \$55,000. Cost share 25%, 6” of gravel, one mile. Our cost \$27,500. Waiting on the dicing pricing yet. Tabled.
- g. Fire Millage – Discussion on the option of bumping our fire mileage from the current .74 mills , .50 bump. This would be for equipment. Treasurer can split it out. Must be approved before April 28th to be on this years ballot, This is contingent on Rose Township also increasing their millage for equipment. Motion by D Bortle and supported by M Bortle to approve the tax increase request pending Rose Townships approval for the same. Roll Call – Yes, D Bortle, M Bortle, L Williams and R Reid. Motion carried. * Note – Dale and Rob will talk to Shelly on this. (later update, Rose Township will not put the millage on this year.)

Fire Board Report - 14 runs in march, mostly storm related. The first day of the storm there were 11 runs by 1 am. David is looking at a new reporting system. Received a grant for \$4,625 for PPE. Auxilary update on the open house. Craft show will be added.

Library - Secretary of State was in in March, reported steady business flow. Insurance company approved storage bill for Skidway, still unsure if they will rebuilding Prescott. Skidway held a craft show. Open position in Skidway. Home school books are now available for check out.

No Commissioner:

RCACC - April 24th is the Grand Opening for the New Fitness Center, \$100 annually for Residents, \$125.00 Annually for non-resident, \$8.00 day/ Planning a golf outing fundraiser at Wicker Hills on 6-20-26. Phone 685-1141 Historical Society met at the center and details working out for the Summer Rec Program. The Center is not yet tracking useage by townships.

Public Comment: Bill Olsen, Henderson Lake has treatment maps and quality reports for the website. Lorie will reach out to Jan for Public Hearing.

Motion by M Bortle, 2nd by D Bortle to approve the bills for payment..

Motion by L. Williams, 2nd by M Bortle to adjourn. Supervisor adjourned 6:59pm