

HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chairperson Rob Reid with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Rob Reid, Ellen Scott, Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle and Lorie Williams.

Also present: 8 guests

The minutes of July 1, 2025 were read. Motion by R Reid 2nd by E Scott to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report - Motion by L Williams 2nd by M Bortle to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Correspondence –

Discussion on the Renewal for the Consumers Power Franchise that expires in January 2026. Motion was made by E Scott and 2nd by L Williams to renew the Consumers Power Franchise agreement. Roll Call: Yes, M Bortle, D Bortle, L Williams, E Scott and R Reid. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the Municipal Underwriters renewal policy - \$12,993.00 Motion by M Bortle and 2nd by E Scott to renew the Municipal Underwriters policy and approve payment of \$12,993.00. Roll Call – Yes, L Williams, E Scott, M Bortle, D Bortle and R Reid. Motion Carried.

Discussion on request from the Rose City Community Center for the \$10,000.00 payment per the agreement. Motion by M. Bortle and 2nd by E Scott to approve the payment of \$10,000.00 to the Rose City Community Center. Roll Call – Yes, E Scott, L Williams, D Bortle, M Bortle and R Reid. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the Plainfield Fire Department renewal Motion by L Williams, 2nd by E Scott to approve the Plainfield Fire Department Contract, Yes – L Williams, E Scott, D Bortle, M Bortle and R Reid. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Ellen Scott requested permission to attend the Treasurers retreat in Frankenmuth with her deputy treasurer, 2 day classes. Noted.

Special Assessment on Private Road Agreements for Maple Rd and Lakeshore Dr. – The petitions have been returned and verified. Next step is to hold the hearings. Special Hearings will be held on August 20th and August 27th at 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Publications in the next two editions of the Ogemaw Herald – noted.

Old Business – Lot Split, Weiss. Board members were given responses from the counties ordinances, township attorney on this matter to review with information and advising against the lost split.

The Weiss's had filed a FOIA for all minutes and lot split documentation we had for 2012 – present – as discussed at the meeting one set of split/minutes were , in error, not included. The Weiss's found that date on line and the minutes were retrieved off of the web site. Clerk expresses her apologies for this error.

A prior lot split on Rifle Lake in 2023 was brought up as a comparison. Dale feels that this gives past precedence, Rob stated that this is still an illegal lot split. Lorie stated that if it was done wrong in 2023 it does not make this one right,

Motion by D Bortle and 2nd by M Bortle to split the lot as requested. Roll Call, Yes D Bortle, M Bortle and E Scott, Nays, R Reid and L Williams. Motion carried.

Fire Board – Assistant Chief David Wend gave fire report update. Training is ongoing, they are scheduled at the Ogemaw County Fair. Discussion on a Freedom Ride Friday. Noted.

Library – Melissa gave reports, reviewed and received.

Rose City Community Center - Report by Melissa. Topic of the need to appoint the alternate was brought up. Motion by M Bortle and 2nd by L Williams to appoint Kelli Rembowski as the alternate for Hill Twp. Motion Carried. Kelli grew up in the area, attended the Rose City School and has continued to live in the area all her adult life.

Blight Update – Park Street has received their 2nd ticket, has not responded or paid first ticket yet. The county has also turned this over to an attorney as there are now 5 violations. Encroachment on the street is becoming an issue again.

Commissioners Report – Not present

Motion by M Bortle 2nd by E Scott to pay the bills #2239 – 2278 in the amount of \$224,327.89. Roll Call: Yes, L Williams, E Scott, D Bortle, M Bortle and R Reid, Motion Carried

Motion by L Williams, 2nd by M Bortle to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm Motion Carried