

HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Rob Reid.

Roll Call: Ellen Scott, Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle, Rob Reid and Lorie Williams
Commissioner and 46 guests.

Clerks minutes of July 7, 2026, discussion and Motion by Dale supported by Ellen to approve the minutes with corrections discussed. ~~All Ayes, Motion Carried.~~ Ayes – Dale, Rob, Ellen, Lorie, Nays, Melissa – Motion Carried

Treasurers Report – Motion by M Bortle 2nd by D Borte to approve the Treasurers Report as read
Ayes – L Williams, E Scott, R Reid, M Bortle and D Bortle. Motion Carried.

Correspondence – Lawn Care paperwork has been received

Election Update given

Mrs. Curtis from Rose City Area Community Center gave a report, she explained memberships, they have 2 leases. They have been named as an Emergency Center. Activities were discussed. They had a group stay at the center during the last ice storm.

Commissioner gave report, stating she was requested to attend. The County has a new Administrator, they are hiring a new transit director, and doing interviews with applicants for Emergency Coordinator. She said she didn't feel she was treated properly at the last meeting she attended so she hasn't been coming.

Trinity Stewart gave the **Fire Report**
Melissa stated that the **Library** meeting was to held on the 6th so no report

Public Comment:

Randy Collier: Attended Fire Board meeting ~~saw disenchanted members, he asked~~
For Dale Bortles resignation.

~~Dawn~~ Donna Ferrara: Was disenchanted with no agenda, mailbox or any board packets on website. She stated she knows legally it is not required. Upset that township does not have mail receptacle. She has not attended meetings but feel she should have a voice as a non homesteaded property owner. Motion by D Bortle 2nd by E Scott to let Ms. Ferrara continue.

No vote. She was chair of Oakland county elections and doesn't agree with Ballots being delivered to clerk. Explanations discussed.

Mark Surowicz: Asked about Gypsy moth and weed controls. Answered questions.

Olen Clemens: Lawn Care last month was an estimate not a bid. We asked for bids and did not get a bid. Maple Road shows a deficit and not a zero as read by the Treasurer, feels it should show as a deficit. E Scott responded that was the way it was always done.

Tom Unaganst: Recall for Rob Reid – nothing Recall for Dale Bortle – was approved. State Dale Bortle and Ellen Scott can't enter the County Building without a law enforcement escort. He said there are discrepancies in Mr Bortles mileage to the fireboard meeting, but he will let the Prosecutor handle this. He will need signatures for the recall when ready.

Jamie Wickwire: Life long resident. He said there is a young fire fighter that had injuries and has bills that need to be taken care of. ~~Jory Stewart explained he was told by Dale Bortle that he was not worth his time. These bills were several months old. Jory stated the problem with the board was Mr Bortle.~~ The problem is not with the department it is with the fire board. Tom Unganst spoke and Ellen answered.

Sally Reid: Was on Board 24 years. Mr Rob Reid got involved with the insurance company and got the payment started. Accident was in May.

Randy Collier: What do we have to do to get Mr Bortle off the Board. ~~Rob explained that Dale and he had agreed on Jamie as Chief, then there were disagreements with Mr Bortle and Jamie, and the next meeting the Hill Twp Board voted Rob Reid off of the Fire Board and put Ellen Scott on. Recall is only option.~~

Doug Lange: Explained the three, Melissa Bortle, Dale Bortle and Ellen Scott have met at the Cedar Bar.

Sue Keyes: Asked if any help was needed to get the medical bills paid for the fire fighter. She helped to set a plan.

Mark Surowicz: Since Treasurer said she did not receive emails from insurance company. Send emails with read receipt to prove delivery

Dewayne Baltry: Asked who Fire Chief is and who is on the Fire Board. Rob answered

Lt Tony McCarthy – Asked if Dale Bortle had any respect for the firemen. ~~Dale stated he will not re-hash this with him.~~

~~Lt. said that all the firemen would do anything for each other. Dale said he would talk to him one on one.~~

Mary Kratz: How many people are you willing to lose.

Lorie Williams: Totally disgusted with the way this board is behaving. Doesn't know if there is a way to correct it. ~~This is why we are not getting anything done.~~

Donna Ferrara: Find a way, form a committee and maybe pass the hat for the fire fighter. Jory ~~replied definitely not~~

Randy Collier: How do we remove Dale Bortle from the Fire Board.

Lawrence Dean: Blamed Rob Reid on no policies and that is why he can do anything he wants.

Discussion on the repayment of the \$75 blaming Clerk for documentation.

Jenny David ; Do you follow Open Meetings Act? No three board members can meet anywhere,

Donna Ferrara: Encourages board to read Roberts Rule of Order. Said Rob was disrespectful.

Jimmy Solomon – Retired Police Commander, is concerned about the injured fireman. How many contacted or followed up with Jory. Is there a new procedure if any other accident occurs. If not, shame on the fire board. Dale stated he had met with Jory twice at place of employment, Ellen offered to provide texts to Jorys mother.

Motion by 2nd by Ellen Scott to pay the bills

Ayes – Lorie Williams, Ellen Scott, Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle, Rob Reid , no nays Motion carried

Motion by Lorie Williams and 2nd by Dale Bortle to adjourn at 7:45 pm

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Supervisor Reid.