HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Rob Reid. Roll Call: Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle, Rob Reid, Ellen Scott, Lorie Williams. Absent: None 19 guests

Clerks Minutes of 8-5-2026 – these were tabled until the October meeting for review.

Resident, Mark Suroveic commented that it is very hard to hear the board speak from The audience. Motion by Lorie Williams and 2nd by Ellen Scott to look into a microphone system for the board. Roll Call: Ayes – Melissa Bortle, Dale Bortle, Rob Reid, Ellen Scott and Lorie Williams – Motion Carried. Dale will look into types and costs.

Treasurers Report – Motion by Melissa Bortle, and 2nd by Lorie Williams to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. All Ayes – Motion Carried.

Correspondence : Beginning July 1, 2026 the Federal Mileage reimbursement rate increased from .725 per mile to .76 per mile. Discussion on townships reimbursement rate.
Motion by Melissa Bortle to increase the Hill township reimbursement for mileage rate to the Federal rate of .725 to .76 cents per mile. 2nd by Ellen Scott. Roll Call : Ayes, Melissa Bortle, Ellen Scott and Rob Reid, Nays, Dale Bortle and Lorie Williams - Motion Carried

Plainfield Fire Contract - Motion by Ellen Scott and 2nd by Melissa Bortle to renew the fire contract with Plainfield township. Ayes – Ellen Scott, Melissa Bortle, Rob Reid, Lorie Williams and Dale Bortle – Motion Carried.

Website and ADA Compliance – Website compliance discussed

Policies, Procedures, Ordinances and Amendments – Melissa presented Lorie with a FOIA request, accepted into the minutes for copies of Hill townships documents mentioned above. Received.

Background Checks – Dale asked for Background checks be completed on the Transit Station employees. Lorie informed that in December Dale made a motion that background checks be done on all new hires. This motion passed. Revisit in 30 days.

Attorney Bills – Motion by Dale Bortle 2nd by Ellen Scott that all attorney bills for opinions or questions must be submitted to the board with explanation. Ayes – Melissa Bortle, Ellen Scott, Dale Bortle, Nays, Lorie Williams , Rob Reid Motion carried.

Discussion that if the Agenda is ready early it should be forwarded to the Board members. The minutes are forwarded to each board member the week prior to the meeting now.

Mark Suroveic asked about fire board and medical costs. Answered. Asked when next fire board would meet. 9-22-26 5:30 pm

Ellen spoke on Credit and Debit Cards.

Motion by Dale Bortle supported by Ellen Scott to suspend all credit/debit card purchases and reimbursements until policies are drawn on the subject. Ayes – Ellen Scott, Melissa Bortle, Dale Bortle. Nays, Lorie Williams , Rob Reid. Motion Carried.

Fire Board – Ellen updated on benefit dinner 9-26-26 for firefighters family.
Assistant Chief Gilbert Scott stated the was 1 motorcycle accident last month. They also participated in Boat Training.

Library – Melissa updated on FEMA grants and activities at the library. They are hiring a new assistant. 50th Anniversary party at the Rose City library 9-23-2026 from 4:00 – 6:00. The Board is invited.

Public Comment :
Jeff Ruff - questioned PFOS kit distributed, he is on 5 Mile Rd. Discussed Former Short Site, and water run off. Brownfield Reclamation Act, grant to test ground water. Monitoring wells on site is needed. Rob will follow up in October. Melissa is enrolled to have water tested.

Ron Kraatz - questioned suspending purchases but can vote to attend to go to MTA conferences. – noted

Mary Tear - Agrees with Mr Kraatz. – noted

Terry Fritz - Asked how to get supplies for Transfer Station. Rob will assist

Tom Unganst - Sounds like a take over

Jory Stewart – stated Ellen helped to get his bills taken care of.

Motion by Ellen Scott and 2nd by Lorie Williams to establish a $200 petty cash to pay incidentals. This will go thru the Treasurers office. Roll Call – Ayes – Ellen Scott, Lorie Williams, Melissa Bortle, Dale Bortle. Nays – Rob Reid. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellen Scott and 2nd by Lorie Williams to pay bills. Roll Call – Ayes, Lorie Williams, Ellen Scott, Rob Reid, Dale Bortle and Melissa Bortle. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellen Scott and 2nd by Lorie Williams to adjourn meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion Carried.