

HILL TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 11:30 AM

SPECIAL MEETING ON PROPOSED FORENSIC AUDIT

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Clerk Lorie Williams with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present : Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle, Lorie Williams and Ellen Scott.

Absent – Rob Reid

29 guests

This meeting was called by Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle and Ellen Scott for the purpose of a proposed Forensic Audit. At a Special Meeting the only item that can be discussed are the posted Agenda item.

Spokesperson for the group is Ellen Scott. Ellen stated she talked to the Townships Attorney and was advised not to discuss the topic. She then stated that the forensic audit was recommended to her by the Michigan State Police. She stated that she had “found some items” of concern.

Motion by Ellen Scott and 2nd by Melissa Bortle to move forward with the Forensic Audit pending choice of firm we need to go with, see the cost and what it would take.

Lorie Williams stated that before the vote, as of 9:30 am she had called the Prosecutors office and that no charges have been filed.

Roll Call Vote : Ayes – Melissa Bortle, Dale Bortle, Ellen Scott Nays, Lorie Williams. Motion carried

Ellen stated they hopefully will be able to report with answers at October meeting.

Public Comment: Dale stated that the Attorney also advised that they cannot have a Public Comment on the agenda item. Dale stated it is a personnel issue and not to discuss it. Ellen stated that you can have Public Comment but has been advised by the attorney not comment.

Several residents chose to makes statements:

Mark Suroveic – Feels the board is jumping the gun with no charges filed.

Sherry P – Said it was very convenient that this meeting was called and then cannot discuss.

Roberta W - This topic is all over Face Book being discussed ,Ellen stated she is not on Facebook and did not know about these posts.

She asked why not wait when charges have not been filed.

Joe S. Why not wait to see if charges are filed

Jane A. – Has anyone ever answered why Rob was removed from the Fire board, she was advised this cannot be discussed at this meeting.

Roberta W. – Said there was also a complaint filed against Breck Gildner the County Clerk. Ellen denied knowledge of this.

After a short discussion on an audit the residents were advised they were welcome to stay after adjournment and talk amongst themselves.

Motion by Melissa and 2nd by Ellen to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. All Ayes, Clerk adjourned the meeting.