

HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

JULY 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairperson Rob Reid with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Rob Reid, Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle and Lorie Williams, Absent: Ellen Scott.

Also present: 13 guests

The minutes of June 3, 2025 were read. Motion by M. Bortle and 2nd by D. Bortle to approve the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Special meeting of June 27, 2025 were read. Motion by M. Bortle and 2nd by D. Bortle to approve the minute as read. Motion Carried.

No Treasurers report. – Absent

Correspondence – Clerk presented Resolution #25-01 regarding escrow of fire insurance.

Motion by D. Bortle and 2nd by M. Bortle to approve Resolution #25-01, that Hill Township will establish an Insurance escrow account with Mercantile Bank for the purpose of receiving and holding deposits of money received from insurers. Motion Carried.

Lot Split – Request by Adam and Jessica Weiss, 897 Richland Ave. Lupton. Mi for a lot split

Discussion was held on issue, to be used for access only, they used and maintained this for years. This would leave an unbuildable lot. Dale presented photographs of the lot in question.

Motion by Dale Bortle, 2nd by Lorie Williams to table this request for 30 days for Dale to contact the other neighbor affected. Follow up at the August meeting and in writing. Ayes, M Bortle, D Bortle and L Williams, nay R Reid.

Fireworks Permit – submitted by Chad Wilson for July 4 and July 5th 2025 8 pm – 11 pm, Campbell Street. Motion by L Williams, and 2nd by M Bortle to approve the fireworks permit. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fire Board Report – Dale Bortle – Received. Fire Chief Jamie Wickwire reported that there were activities scheduled for July 4th and 5th, also August at the Fairgrounds and the Firemens Memorial. The department has 14 members. 4 new members have joined and are going through training. – Received.

Library Report - Melissa reported on the updates to the library including the account established for the fire in Prescott. Printouts provided.

Commissioners Report – Not present

Public Comment: the current Blight Complaint on Park Street was discussed. The Blight officer will be visiting the blighted properties this next week for updates. Supervisor explained the process that must be followed, with series of visits, reports before any tickets and actions can be taken. No progress has been seen. This will become an agenda item monthly.

Discussion held on the appointment of an Alternate board member to the Rose City Community Center. Discussion on the alternate to any board must be board appointed. Discussion was Tabled until the August meeting. Dale agreed to help the group out.

A huge Thank You! To the volunteers who helped coordinate the Clean Up day – Skip Lawrence at the Shady Shores Park and also Olen Clemens at the Township Hall.

Motion by M Bortle and 2nd by L Williams to pay the bills. Roll Call : Ayes: L Williams, M Bortle, D Bortle and R Reid

Motion by M Bortle and 2nd by L Williams to adjourn at 7:08 pm