

HILL TOWNSHIP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
6:02 pm

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairperson Rob Reid. Roll Call: Present: Lorie Williams, Ellen Scott, Dale Bortle, Melissa Bortle and Rob Reid. At the time of meeting called to order there were 50 present, 1 Commissioner

Clerks Minutes – Motion by Ellen supported by Melissa to approve the minutes of August 5th, with the addition of Clerks apology to the Weiss about document omission. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellen Scott, 2nd by Lorie Williams to approve the minutes of August 20th regarding Maple Street and Lake Shore Drive Special Assessment. Carried

Motion by Ellen Scott, 2nd by Lorie Williams to approve the minutes of the August 27th meeting regarding the special assessment maintenance and upgrade agreement. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report – Because of the early date of the meeting statements are not ready yet, funds read. Motion by Melissa Bortle supported by Lorie Williams to accept the Treasurers report as is. Carried

Correspondence / Reports – none

Clerk presented the ESTA, earned sick time act policy for Hill Township. Motion by Melissa Bortle supported by Ellen Scott to approve the Hill Township ESTA Policy. Carried.

Rose City Community Center would like a letter of support from the township to submit with the application for the map amendment that will go to the Planning Commission and DNR to change the zoning of the Center. Agreed, Clerk will prepare

The Community Center will be having an Auction of items from the old School on Saturday, Sept 13th. All are encouraged to attend.

There was a large group of residents attending this meeting that voiced deep concerns about certain actions taken by a portion of the Board Members. Some accusations were made, fortunately no action was taken.

Discussions were had regarding the Hill-Rose Fire Board operation & responsibilities.

Appreciation for the years of dedicated service for Wally Scott were expressed by many. ~~The previous fireboard meeting was discussed there was dissention on how to proceed with a new chief and assistant chief, and disagreements on how the fire trucks and boats should be used in parades on holidays. One of the firemen said that Dale should resign from the fireboard, that at the meeting he got up, took all the papers and left the meeting stating it was adjourned. Note, a~~

~~member cannot adjourn the meeting. That lead to numerous discussions and accusations both ways.~~ At that time Dale Bortle made a motion supported by Melissa Bortle to remove Rob Reid from the Fire Board of Hill-Rose. No reason given. Roll Call – Dale Bortle yes. Ellen Scott Yes, Melissa Bortle, Yes, Lorie Williams – No. Rob Reid – abstain. Motion carried.

Rob Reid made a motion that Lorie Williams replace him on the Fire Board – Motion died for lack of support.

Melissa Bortle made a motion that Ellen Scott replace Rob Reid on the Fire Board, end by Dale Bortle – Roll Call – Lorie Williams, No, Dale Bortle, yes, Melissa Bortle, Yes, Rob Reid, No, Ellen Scott, yes. Motion carried.

At this time the Commissioner left the building without giving a report.

Blight officer left the building. He was not on the agenda.

Interim Fire Chief, David Wend gave a report on the Fire Dept activities at the fair and recent calls.

Library Report – Melissa gave a library report.

Discussion on an upcoming Planning and Zoning Retreat in Frankenmuth, 2 day event. October 29-30.

~~Lorie explained that this meeting is targeted towards townships that do their own Building, Planning and Zoning functions. Hill township does not do our own planning and zoning, our residents go through Ogemaw County. Michigan Township Association, which Hill Twp is a member, provides online classes and learning that are included in our dues. Lorie passed a list to each member with directions on how to access the site if they did not already know. This was discussed prior and also at the New Officials training. There are 144 classes available, many on planning and zoning. The cost for 3 people for registration, travel, rooms and mileage will be over \$2000. Clerk stated we not being good stewards of the taxpayers money to attend these types of events.~~

Motion by Dale Bortle supported by Ellen Scott to have Dale, Ellen and Melissa attend this Planning Event. Roll Call : Dale, yes, Ellen, yes, Melissa, yes, Lorie No, Rob No. Motion carried.

Motion by Lorie Williams, 2nd by Melissa Bortle to pay the bills. Roll Call: Yes, Lorie, Yes, Melissa, Yes, Rob, Yes Ellen, Yes Dale. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm – All Aye motion carried.

corrected minutes approved 10-7-2025