

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONTMORENCY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**APRIL 11, 2025**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Miller, Steinke, Hardies, Bennett and Brandt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Jones and Brian Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hardies to accept the agenda. M.C.

Motion by Miller, supported by Steinke to accept March meeting minutes. M.C.

Motion by Brandt, supported by Steinke to adopt a resolution for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget commencing on April 1, 2025 and expiring on March 31, 2026. Resolved by Montmorency Township Board of Trustees that this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, that there is hereby appropriated for the several township funds a total budget for fiscal year commencing April 01, 2025 and expiring on March 31, 2026. All said money is herein appropriated shall be expended in conformity with statutory provisions pertaining thereto and rules, regulations and resolutions adopted by the township board of trustees where applicable, and be it further resolved that the individual fund budgets are appropriated as follows: (Refer to inserted budget.)

And be it further resolved that within the exception of salaries, the township supervisor has the expressed authority to transfer between the line items within the budgeted activities in each fund so as not to over expend those specific purposes authorized by the township board of trustees. Roll Call Vote: Steinke; yes, Bennett; yes, Hardies; yes, Miller; yes, and Brandt; yes. M.C. Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Steinke, supported by Hardies to accept the following banking institutions as depository accounts for township monies; AAACU, Huntington Nat'l Bank, PNC Bank, CFCU, Nicolet Bank, Northland Area Credit Union. M.C.

Motion by Brandt, supported by Steinke to set the regular monthly meeting date as the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Montmorency Township Hall, 20841 N. Co. Rd. 459, Hillman MI. M.C.

Motion by Steinke, supported by Hardies to increase the township mileage rate from .50 a mile to .63 a mile. M.C.

The Treasurer's Report for April is same as the Budget Hearing "Cash on Hand" as of March 17, 2025.

Motion by Steinke, supported by Hardies to pay the bills totaling: \$25,400.67 (see attached) M.C.

**FIRE BOARD REPORT:** 24 Fire Runs and 66 Ambulance Runs.

Audit is 4/22/2025

**CCRA Fire Agreement-Contract**

Motion by Brandt, supported by Hardies to accept the draft agreement/contract from attorney for CCRA. M.C.

**Debris Drop Site:** Motion by Steinke, supported by Hardies for Supervisor and Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (written by attorney) with the Village of Hillman for township residents to use an area of land owned by the Village of Hillman as a "debris drop site" for wood debris from the ice storm March 28, 2025. The township will contact insurance company for a "rider" Certificate of Liability to provide to the Village of Hillman. M.C.

Motion by Steinke, supported by Miller to accept the insurance renewal at \$4,469.00 M.C.

COMMENTS: Supervisor reported on Edgar Rd. Project. Snow Rd. resident upset. Wants Snow Rd. done. Road Commission is sharing 50% of dust control cost for this spring/summer 2025.

Clerk reported on the cemetery cleanup. The cleanup due to the ice storm is more than Liz Smith can do. Supervisor will get a couple bids for cemetery cleanup.

Brian Rogers, incident commander, stated that the ice storm is the largest incident MI has ever seen. Power restoration should be 95% by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> if no damage is done to your home.

State reimbursements are available but you must be “in compliance” to receive funding for a state reimbursement.

Less than 1% of the National Guard was in operation for the ice storm and they will be done today, April 11, 2025.

MTA meeting: Township officials are upset about not having an emergency manager for Montmorency County.

John Jones stated that the South Entrance Rd. is starting to show wear. Can that be put on the list for road improvement. Bennett stated she would talk to the MCRC. Note: South Entrance Rd. is not a township road. Also, he would like a couple meetings at CCRA. Note: Brandt stated the township board has done this several years ago. Not a lot of attendance at CCRA.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Connie Brandt, Clerk