

**Douglass Township
3521 W. McBrides Rd
Stanton, MI 48888
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**Minutes Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 2026
7:30 pm**

Call to Order 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Roll Call Present: Kathy Rasmussen, Holly Huff, Ken Bunting, Eric Tester, Kristi Cordray

Approval Agenda Items

Motion made by Tester to approve agenda, seconded by Bunting Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Passed.

Recognition for Don Larsen years of service/retirement

Sadly, Don passed away April 13. The recognition will be rescheduled for a later date.

Approval Minutes from March 18, 2026 Regular meeting/Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Tester to approve minutes, with corrections, seconded by Bunting Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items none

Reports

Treasurer Cordray report

- General checking ending balance is \$121,657.18.
- is working with county treasurer to finish up prop tax fire millage money/admin/ prop tax money is now in gen fund in banking, but accounted for on line items in our budget papers. This is per BS&A program
- Investments-assets total \$946,342.07.
- Requested hotel fund approval for the MTA conference.
- Bunting made motion to approve hotel cost for 360.00 for Cordray to attend conference, seconded by Tester. Ayes: 5 nay: 0. Passed.
- Motion made by Tester to accept treasurer report, seconded by Huff . Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Report accepted.

Clerk Huff report

- Paid Belvidere Township for fire invoices, BS&A software, Stanton fire.
- Reviewed checks-payroll, board of review, etc.
- Discussion on adding microsoft word to Holly's computer. This was discussed previously and budgeted for this fiscal year.
- Rasmussen made a motion to have word added to Holly's computer seconded by Cordray, clarification by Bunting on word vs google sheets. Ayes: 5 Nay: 0 passed.
- Motion made by Tester to accept clerk report, seconded by Cordray Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Report accepted.

Supervisor Rasmussen report

- Provided budget
- disaster preparedness discussion
- county blight ordinance email-will get more information on enforcement from Sheriff at the MTA meeting

- siding quotes for building
- The new website was launched April 1. There will be a redirect link on previous site for one year.
- We have an option to pursue a text alert app, will look into free options vs. a subscription option. This would allow residents to sign up for notifications.
- Email from resident regarding cemetery flag being replaced. Resident offered to donate flag and put up for us. Board gratefully accepted.
- The new speaker system is installed and working well. Board agreed to offer the current portable blue tooth system as an add-on for hall rentals for an additional \$20.00.

Trustee Ken Bunting report

- Fire meeting this evening with new chief. Discussed mergers with Sheridan or Day. It is most advantageous financially to merge with Sheridan. They will have an open meeting at Sidney twp and invite fire staff, township officials. Will have more info next month. Will email the date when set.
- Ordinance for cost recovery from utilities and insurance companies. If we pass an ordinance to cover this, we can collect the cost from utilities: \$500 and insurance companies: \$500. Sheridan has billed \$30,000 collected \$15,000. We need to decide if we want to do the billing, -how much goes to fire dept, how much we keep, how much work is it for township staff, restrictions on allowable uses of the money. This is only if or until we merge. We will pursue more information.

Trustee Eric Tester report, PC report

- Data centers: Home twp public hearing tonight, Sidney PC is putting in a requirement for companies to put in fire supply plan and training. Douglass twp is having Public hearing April 29.

Zoning Administrator Kelsey report

- Provided report on violations, new builds.

Old Business

Fire millage: Will be on ballot Aug. 4th primary.

Contracts

- Assessor contract CSZ services
- Zoning Admin contract Dave Kelsey
- Sexton 1099 contract Jeremy McAllister

Motion made by Bunting to approve contracts for Zoning Admin, Assessor, Sexton, seconded by Huff. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

New Business

Spring clean up help

- Kristi has 5 high schoolers coming to help. April 25, 9-1. Could use more help.

Private roads

- County had requested feedback on the possibility of townships taking back control of private roads, but has decided that the county is going to keep control of private roads.

Announcements: Spring Clean Up date April 25 9-1

Next meeting date May 19, 7:00 pm note it is a Tuesday

Public Comment

Dave Kelsey	County blight: issues with enforcing previous county ordinance.
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Board Comments

- Eric-signs for spring clean up. M 66, Miles Rd, Musson.
- Holly reports that the local control PA 233 was in court today in Lansing. Start of oral arguments.

Adjournment

Motion made by Bunting to adjourn, seconded by Cordray. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rasmussen

Holly Huff