

**Douglass Township
3521 W. McBrides Rd
Stanton, MI 48888
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**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026
7 pm**

Call to Order 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Roll Call

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

Approval Agenda Items

- Motion made by Ken Bunting to approve agenda, seconded by Eric Tester. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from Regular meeting May 19, 2026.

- Motion made by Ken Bunting to approve minutes, seconded by Eric Tester. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Public Comment on agenda items none

Reports

Lana Thompson White Pine Library

- Reported on new programs, passed out pamphlet, new parking lot. Attendance is increasing.

Treasurer Cordray report

- Reported expenditure totals of \$40,138.59, revenue \$14,346.71. Shared investment report total assets including checking account and property tax account \$871,960.45 Has contacted MClass and is waiting for a date for them to do a presentation. Cordray requested the purchase of the following items:
 - Stripe dock and terminal, for credit card usage at a cost of \$365.00
 - Scanners for cash receipting hardware at a cost of \$274.00 for two scanners.
 - New office chair for Deputy Treasurer (the current one is broken) at a cost of \$39.98.
- Motion made by Eric TEster to approve the purchases as requested for a total of \$678.98 to come out of treasurer line item in the budget, seconded by Ken Bunting. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Eric Tester to accept the treasurer report, seconded by Kathy Rasmussen Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Clerk Huff report

- Reported on checks. Tree removal at the cemetery, road commission payment on spraying, broken pane of glass at front of building. Additions which were added after printing: Xerox \$39.84, Foster Swift (blight ordinance, cost recovery and franchise fee questions) \$1884.96, Tricounty Electric \$163.84 for a total check register report of \$32,371.72.
- Motion made by Eric Tester to accept clerk report, with additions as described, seconded by Kristi Cordray Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

Supervisor Rasmussen report

- Recognition for Don and Lois Larsen will be July 15, 2026 at 7:30 (board meeting). Light reception to start at 7:00 pm
- Cost recovery ordinance and franchise fee target date to begin on July 1. Notices were in paper. Attorney getting info and letter on the franchise fees. It would be electric/fiber optic cable .

Trustee Ken Bunting report, Fire board report

- Listening session attended by Ken and Kathy. Q& A with Erik Bentko from Sidney Township. There is a lot more discussion to take place regarding a possible merger.

Trustee Eric Tester report, PC report

- No new info. July is the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator Kelsey report

- Provided report on violations/permits/ buildings, status of tickets.

Old Business

Siding colors for the hall. Consensus reached on the color Coastal Sage.

- Motion by Eric Tester to use coastal sage for siding, seconded by Holly Huff. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Cemetery repairs

Shed

- Quotes from several companies. Options for doors, location, sizes, materials.
- Consensus reached to use roll up doors, metal. Consensus reached to get more info on cemetery boundaries and site prep work. The board will discuss the bathroom situation at a later date.

New Business

Website improvements

- The new website is running well, and will have additional improvements in the next few weeks.

Newsletter

- Board reviewed draft of newsletter, recommended adding information on what items will be on the ballot Aug. 4: MSU extension, Fire Millage, Commission on Aging in addition to state and local elections.

Budget Amendments

- Department: CEMETERY Line Item: 101-567-930.000 Cemetery supplies, repairs. Increase to \$8,000.00 Explanation: This is due to tree clean up and removal expenses not covered by insurance.
- Department: CEMETERY Line item: 101-567-702.000 Sexton Services. Increase to \$5,000.0 Explanation: There have been more burials than anticipated.
- Department: BOARD OF REVIEW
- Line Item: 101-247-703.000 Board of Review Salary Increase to \$2000.00 Explanation: We paid two years of salary this year.
- Motion by Holly Huff to amend the budget with the proposed changes, seconded by Eric Tester, Ayes 5 Nays 0 Amendment adopted.

Announcements none

Next meeting date July 15, 2026 7:30 pm

Public Comment

- Traffic concerns with gravel trucks going down Briggs and Hillman. Specific concerns: that they are semis, double trailers, speed limit is 45, it's a residential area.
- Ken Bunting reports that Briggs is still being used by the trucks.

Board Comments

Rasmussen will follow up with the road commission on the Ranger Power Solar project which is being constructed in Day Township. Complaints have been coming in. It was suggested that they go a different route-91-46-66 or 91 to 522 to 66. There was a question on weight on the bridge on Briggs Rd.

Adjournment

Motion made by Kristi Cordray to adjourn, seconded by Holly Huff . Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Rasmussen
Holly Huff