

Call to Order	Supervisor Boyd called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance	
Roll Call	Members Present: Boyd – Supervisor; Perrin – Clerk; Hettich – Treasurer; Wetherell – Trustee; Kuyers - Trustee
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve agenda as presented – Kuyers/Perrin – all yes
Assessor's Report	None. Assessor not present.
Citizens Comments	None
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Minutes of March 11, 2025 as presented–Hettich/Wetherell–H,W,P-yes
Payment of Bills	Check #20305-20337, AP=\$6,670.04, Payroll=\$18,607.33, Auto Pay (Fire Truck/Hall Pymts)=\$3,602.95, Total=\$28,880.32. Motion to approve payment of bills as presented – Boyd/Kuyers – B,K,H,W,P – all yes
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's report was received. Bank accounts are balanced. Taxes are at county courthouse. MI Class = 4.4034%. CDARS = 3.92228%
Maintenance	Getting ready for Spring cleanup at all twp properties. Twp sprinkler system is not working. Fire Chief to get estimate. Boyd has an upcoming meeting & will try to get info re: testing water.
Fire Dept Report	
Fire Runs to Date	Assist Cherry Grove, pedestrian fatality M-115 & Lofgren Rd; remove tree from M-115 & Maplewood; 1 PIA car rollover 34 Rd & 27 Rd; 1 down power line 28 Rd & 31 Rd; standby for Mesick structure fire; remove tree from M-115 & Autumn Rd; fire investigation 551 S 35 Rd, hot wire smell
Trucks	Ready for Wild Land Fire Season. Need new brakes on engine (\pm \$1,000). Chief kept us up to date on rising costs of new fire trucks: Custom cab \$850,000; regular cab, stock \$480,000. Trucks would be 2 years out and will be getting more expensive. Our fire truck is a 1999.
Station	<u>Chris Cavasso</u> (new fire recruit) introduced himself. Motion to bring Chris Cavasso onto fire department with usual probationary period – Boyd/Kuyers – all yes. 2 of our firefighters attended electric vehicle class in Benzonia last Saturday.
Cemetery/Parks/Liquor	Starting Spring cleanup at cemetery and parks soon. Liquor inspection was done last month.
Short Term Rentals	All current
Sewer Report	Kuyers: Disappointed that Federal Gov't did not approve our grant. When weight restrictions are lifted, construction will start up again. Have 1 additional grinder pumpstation that we added to our large contract. We are picking up 3 grinder pumpstations. Last month it was reported we had a force main leak on E Lk Mitchell. At the time we were thinking it was part of the system, but it was actually caused by the construction. That will be picked up by the contractor. Finally got a resolution on the piping issue. Earlier, some piping was put in with extra elbows. These did not meet the specifications and should have not been put in this way. Good news is, as of today, these will be replaced and will avoid a \$75,000 change order. Working diligently with the State to get an appropriation request together. Getting a good response from Representative Fox. Transparency within the State is a plus for all appropriations. Significant concern is the number of past due accounts. Around 9% of our sewer users are past due more than 1 month. Close to 5% are more than 9 months past due. This is a whole community issue and a housing cost burden.
Zoning	Wetherell asked for input regarding the Board's wishes regarding ADU's. If we want to allow ADU's, we need to inform Zoning of our opinions on minimum square footage, etc., as the WJPC will be working on putting an ordinance together and they want the twp's input. Kuyers is concerned about extra users of the sewer around the lakes. 20' face? Minimum requirement of lot size. ADU's cannot be short-term rentals.
Road Advisory Rpt	Culvert on 35 Rd is not yet fixed. Wetherell will call on this again. Hettich asked Wetherell to call on potholes in the dirt road (29 Rd) at the cemetery.
New Business	<u>1. PFAs:</u> As stated above, Boyd has an upcoming meeting regarding this to gain more information.

2. Budget Workshop: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5PM

3. ARPA: \$1,525 remaining. Board decided to use this money for signs for the hall & fire dept.
Fire Chief to get costs.

Unfinished Business

None

Citizens Comments

Hank Risley stated putting regulations on lot sizes/buffer zones for ADU's is a good idea.

Correspondence

None

Board Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Boyd/Perrin – all yes. Adjourned 7:49 pm.