

BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2025

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Board members Byard, Eby, Lechowicz and Prout were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for May 2025 were presented. Two minor corrections were made. Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to approve the minutes as corrected. All yes.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Byard presented the treasurer's report. The total of our bank accounts on May 31, 2025, was \$268,937.42.
- V. Payment of Bills - Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$11,912.84. Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to approve payment of the bills. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: Prout received a "Notice of Opportunity to Comment" from the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding an application for approval of renewable energy from Great Lakes Energy.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda: Under New Business add "Elections."
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Library Report – Kent presented a library report. The library received funds to cover storm damage.
- X. Appearances - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Fire Hall Upgrades - Progress is slow. Building codes have changed since the plans were drawn, so adjustments must be made.
- II. New Hall Door - This is on hold due to scheduling.
- III. Well - The permit has been received. It's unclear whether Northern Drilling requires the down payment now. Lechowicz will check on this.
- IV. Other Outage Problems - The sink is being worked on, along with other things.
- V. FEMA - No funds are available from FEMA, as the storm was not declared a national emergency.
- VI. Memorial Day Picnic - The picnic went well.
- VII. Use of Fire Hall for Funerals and Farmer's Market - For liability coverage, anyone using the fire hall should sign a form saying the township is not liable for injuries. We will hold off on rentals until the remodeling is completed. We can provide a form to use for the Farmer's Market now.
- VIII. Street Light - Lechowicz contacted Great Lakes Energy; the repair process is underway.
- IX. M-119 Rest Stop - There has been no further contact.
- X. Road Wedging - We are all set to have the road work done.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Fire Hall Lawn - Lechowicz is finding a lot of stone from the parking area in the grass so he is checking on an estimate to have it paved. Due to lawn damage, Lechowicz will look for signs to post stating that horses are not allowed on the grass. Eby moved, with Byard supporting, to pass a resolution to raise the payment for mowing at the fire hall to \$95 per mow. By roll call vote, Byard, Eby and Prout voted yes. Lechowicz abstained. Motion carried.
- II. Elections - We will not have an August election but may have one in November. The state may require that we purchase new voting equipment, probably in 2027, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Prout asked about continuing the absent voter application list. The board agreed it's okay.

FYI - none

Public Comment - none

Adjournment - Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:04.