



LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

Date: July 14, 2026, Time: 10:00 AM Location: Lovells Township Hall, Lovells, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Lovells Township Board was called to order at 10:00 AM by Supervisor Wright, who served as Chair.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor: Richard Wright | **Clerk:** Janet Dunning | **Treasurer:** Tamara Kengel

Trustees: Cheryl Hopp and Gary Neumann

Members Absent: None | **A quorum was present**

4. READING OF RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Wright read rules for public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Trustee Neumann, supported by Trustee Hopp to approve the agenda. Ayes; All | Opposed; None | **Motion Carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per person-agenda topics only)

Open at 10:02 AM - Close at 10:03AM

❖ **Investigate metal roof discount with insurance company**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Wright motioned, 2nd by Trustee Neumann to accept minutes as presented minutes from June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting except for correcting spelling error. Ayes; All | Opposed; None | **Motion Carried.**

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. June 2026 Prepaid bills and disbursements for approval

Supervisor Wright motioned 2nd Trustee Neumann to approve the 2026 Prepaid bills. Ayes; All | Opposed; None | **Motion Carried.**

b. Treasurer's June Statement. Accepted as presented.

c. Budget vs Actuals Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Accepted as presented.

9. COMMITTEES

a. Assessing/BOR - Meeting scheduled for 7/21/2026. Nothing on the agenda yet.

b. Fire Department – 8 Runs; 2 Fire and 6 EMS.

c. Liquor – 3 Liquor inspections completed.

d. Zoning Administration – Two zoning permits issued; one for a 14 x 24 accessory building; one for an 18 x 28 addition.

e. Ordinance Enforcement/STRA - July status; 22 STR's, 6 with no license. Complaints as of 7/13/26; 5 blight cleanups underway, 1 on hold, 1 moving to citation, 4 pending further investigation.

f. Planning Commission – tabled one amendment and voted on 1 resolution and 1 ordinance. Motion made by Treasurer Kengel 2nd by Trustee Neumann to adopt resolution 2026-7-14 A: ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF NEW DATA CENTERS WITHIN LOVELLS TOWNSHIP. Ayes; All, Opposed; None.

Motion Carried. Motion made by Supervisor Wright and 2nd by Trustee Neumann to amend ordinance 2026-7-

14-B: TEXT AMMENDMENT TO ~~ZONING~~ ZONING ORDINANCE by removing the word “Charter” from the ordinance. Ayes; All, Opposed; None. **Motion Carried.** Motion made by Supervisor Wright 2nd by Trustee Neumann to approve ordinance number 2026-7-14-B TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE. Ayes; All, Opposed; None. **Motion Carried.** Motion made by Trustee Neumann 2nd by Clerk Dunning to table APPLICATION TO REZONE A PARCEL(S). Ayes; All, Opposed; None. **Motion Tabled.**

g. Zoning Board of Appeals – nothing pending – no report.

h. Library/Media - Very busy this month with activity in both boxes. Offer for many books.

i. Parks and Recreation – Canceled 6/15 meeting. Irrigation repaired and now running. Cost of 1k to repair. Need to finish shelter. Help needed to spread asphalt. Next meeting on 7/20/2026 at 5PM.

j. Historical – 7/6/26 meeting. 1926 ornament workshop August 8, 1-3PM.

k. Technology – Met with planning commission on data storage and battery issues. 77 data centers in Mi. Closest in Alpena. Most of the 77 are small. Ordinance covers large centers. Last poll – no shipping containers and currently no way to contact residents with issues about their property. No poll this month. – Next poll consists of several different ideas that are under discussion.

l. Fire/EMS Grants – Grant submitted, but the website is still pending availability.

m. Supervisor Notes – Trees; Motion made by Treasurer Kengel 2nd by Supervisor Wright to hire Cody at Great Lakes at a price not to exceed 7.2k. Voice Vote; Hopp-Yes; Dunning-Yes; Wright-Yes; Kengel-Yes; Neumann-Yes; Opposed; None. **Motion Carried.**

n. Elections – Clerk & Deputy Clerk attended MTA Election Ready Seminar. MTA & BOE don’t always agree on the election process. Work compensation for clerks discussed due to an increase in all duties, including expanded election functions; i.e. early voting. Townships exist for three mandated functions; **Assessing, tax collecting and elections**. The cost of elections is the cost of doing business for our township. Attended election security webinar with updates on ransomware, squatting, and phishing. Voting system security procedures and practices and how to safeguard critical voting systems and components. Physical security for election officials was also discussed. 181 total absentee ballots sent out. Thus far, we have received 80 ballots. The state is mandating seven more webinars this month. PAT testing is scheduled for July 28 at 11:30 for the public. Directly after will be refresher training for our 9 election inspectors. Clerk & Deputy Clerk will be supporting early voting in Crawford County at the Court House in Grayling on July 25 & 26 from 7:30AM to 4:30 PM. Last day to register to vote will be Aug. 1st at the Township Hall from 8-5PM. On Aug 3rd from 4-6 PM, the election set up will occur.

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election Commission – Motion made by Clerk Dunning 2nd by Trustee Neumann to approve resolution 2026-7-14-C to name Election Commission members for 2026 through 2028. Voice Vote; Hopp-Yes; Dunning-Yes; Wright-Yes; Kengel-Yes; Neumann-Yes. No one Opposed. **Motion Carried. Resolution adopted.**

12. INFORMATIONAL

a. Displaced Flood Dock Discussion - Anyone with questions should reach out to Supervisor Wright for clarity.

b. BS&A review – Board in agreement not to move forward with cloud-based version of BS&A software at this time.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per person)

Open at 11:30AM

- ❖ Candidate for Road Commission – Tom Cogswell – Zoning/rezoning amendment – Tree Removal – Utilities – Mo. Bills – Adopt a Tree - Election Commission-possible conflict –

Close at 11:42AM

14. ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Neumann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 AM.