

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2026
CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:30 P.M.**

The Chippewa Township REGULAR Board meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Shirley Hazen at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: Shirley Hazen, Kristin Lytle, Debbie Zielinski.
Julie Austin & Annette Walters
Absent: None

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa Township Board was present.

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2026, Election Commission Meeting Minutes, and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2026, Township Board Meeting, and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Total Fund Balance as of 5/11/2026 is \$607,669.42.

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the Treasurer Report and place it on file.
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library Representative, Linda Myers reported that the library has purchased 14 reconditioned computers. The Budget workshop is May 15th at 12:30 and the Budget hearing is May 29th at 12:15. **MOTION K.Lytle/J.Austin** to approve the Library report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

ASSESSING REPORT:

Assessor Andrea Roberts reported that she has rolled over the database and processed everything for 2027. Andrea will be preparing for the PA660 this year. There are No active MTT cases. 20 Deeds, 18 PTA's, 2 PRE's, 1 Denial, 1 Rescind, 5 address changes, and 1 Qualified Ag applications have been processed. There are two split/combo's due to a court case. **MOTION J.Austin/S.Hazen** to approve the Assessor Report and place the Assessors Report on file.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Greg Adams, was not present.

ELECTION UPDATE:

Chippewa Township had 179 Permanent Ballots mailed and 122 ballots were returned. 64 people voted in person. The election ran smoothly with no issues. Everything balanced at the end of the night.

FORK RESCUE:

Fork Township is seeking funds to help cover the cost of payroll for full time rescue personnel for 8 hours per day during weekdays. In 2025, 19% of Fork Rescues calls were in Chippewa Township. **RESOLUTION K.Lytle/S.Hazen** to appropriate \$2,530.00. to Fork Township Rescue for 2026. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

AED:

The current AED at the Community Building is dated 2005. **RESOLUTION K.Lytle/A.Walters** to appropriate \$1787.41 to purchase a LIFEPAK CR2 Wi-fi enabled defibrillator. The Wi-Fi capability will allow continuous compression, transmit data to Mecosta County EMS, as well as alert the Clerk and Treasurer when the pads or batteries need to be replaced. This unit has an 8 year warranty. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

INSURANCE PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT:

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/A.Walter to appropriate \$3,725.00 to Acrisure Insurance; for the additional funds due for Insurance Increase. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

L-4029:

MOTION K.Lytle/S.Hazen to approve the L-4039 and apply it to the 2026 Winter taxes. Twp. Operating Mills 1.2237. Twp. Road Mills .9789 and Fire Department Mills .9789. **MOTION CARRIED**

FOLDER QUOTE:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/A.Walters to appropriate \$1449.33 for a Martin Yale 1611 Auto paper folder, plus \$99.99 for maintenance kit. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

WEST CHIPPEWA DR. CONTRACT:

J.Austin & K.Lytle attended the MCRC meeting. To complete a 2" overlay on West Chippewa Drive between 110th avenue and the dead end, this would save West Chippewa Dr. from having to be completely redone within a couple of years. The project cost \$129,418.34. Chippewa Twps. Portion will cost \$64,709.17.

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/J.Austin to appropriate \$\$64,709.17 for the West Chippewa Road Project. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.** J.Austin will talk to the MCRC regarding 21 Mile Road.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

Sewer Coordinator, J.Austin reported that the pump for lift Station 2 has arrived. They are scheduling 2 Sewer installations and the annual pump rotations.

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

The Chippewa Lake Weed Control Meeting is on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 9 a.m. PLM will be giving the latest updates and recommendations for Chippewa Lake. PLM provided us with the lake update, and it once again shows the PLM has done a great job at controlling the algae and non-native weeds.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Bills were electronically or personally provided to all Board members prior to the meeting; for review, and all voucher sheets have been signed by all Board Members.

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/J.Austin to pay General Fund bills, check numbers 14919 – 14963 plus EFT's in the amount of \$ 51,576.73. The Sewer District checks 12070 – 12102 plus EFT's in the amount of \$62,655.54, And the CLWD check numbers 860 - 863 in the amount of \$1,068.33. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.**

RESOLUTION CARRIES. (Note: This includes the 2nd Fire Department payment)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence were read. **MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski** to place correspondence on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L.Myer updated the Board members on Love Inc. Mecosta County. There are 13 area churches that all have 1 representative on the Love Inc. board. They have purchased a Church on 3rd avenue in Big Rapids to use as their home location. There was some vandalism at the church. There will be a food program running out of the church soon. The Chippewa Lake Community church has been sold, and we were informed that the new owners will use the church building as a wedding venue.

With no further business or public comment to be brought before the Chippewa Township Board; **MOTION S.Hazen/K.Lytle** to adjourn the May 13, 2026, regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:22 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

These minutes were prepared

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk

