CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 7, 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, Julie Austin, Annette Walters and Debbie Zielinski

Absent: None

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

MOTION J.Austin/S.Hazen *to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026, Township Board Meeting, and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/S.Hazen *to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026, Election Commission Meeting Minutes, and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION D.Zielinski/S.Hazen *to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026, Election Commission Meeting Minutes, and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes, and place on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Total Fund Balance as of 10/04/2026 is $983,016.41.
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 Shirley Sprauge is donating a gazebo to the Barryton Branch library, in memory of her late husband. The next library board meeting is October 16, 2026. **MOTION**

ASSESSING REPORT:
Assessor Andrea Roberts reported that she has started her year-end prep and that she has completed all of her continuing education classes. There are No active MTT cases. 20 Deeds, 14 PTA's, 1 PRE's, 0 Denial, and 1 Rescind have been processed. There was 1 split/combo completed and 10 address changes. **MOTION**

D.Zielinski/J.Austin *to approve the Assessor Report and place the Assessors Report on file.*

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Greg Adams, reported that bids are going out on Friday for the new EMS headquarters. Mr. Adams also updated on County Commissioners time limits. MCOA is hosting a Holiday Vendor craft show on November 21, 2026, from 9-3. **MOTION K.Lytle/J.Austin** *to approve the County Commissioner Report and place it on file.* **MOTION CARRIED**

SAFE Trick-or-Treat:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to *appropriate $2000.00 to the Annual Chippewa Township/ Chippewa-Martiny Firefighters SAFE Trick-or-Treat event at the Chippewa Township Community Building. This event will be on Saturday, October 31st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

STEELE CASE UPDATE:

The attorneys are responding to the lawsuit on the Township's behalf and filing the necessary paperwork on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

COPPERTON PROJECT:

J.Austin and K.Lytle attended the Copperton Project meeting in Alma on October 5th. They brought back a wealth of information that is now posted on the Townships website. J.Austin also put together a highlighted map showing the potential routes within Chippewa Township.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

Sewer Coordinator, J.Austin reported that the annual pumping of Barrette Heights and Camp Ganzer will begin next week.

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to amend the Sewer Ordinance 2026-10-01, adding RV's to the Sewer ordinance. A copy of the amendment can be found on the Township website and it will be published in the Pioneer Newspaper.* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

K.Lytle reported that after calculating all of the Weed Control petitions, 134.19 acres of signatures were required to have 51%; the verified petitions equal 141.17 acres.

RESOLUTION J.Austin/A.Walters *to accept the verified petitions, move forward with the district, and send out letter to the CLWD property owners notifying them of the next steps.* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to amend the 2026/2027 GF Budget on the Revenues side; by adding $1500.00 to the Cemetery Fees line item, $2000.00 to the metro fund line item, and adding $5000.00 to the reimbursement line item totaling $8500.00. On the expenditure side; add $7000.00 to Treasurer Expenses line item, $10,000.00 to Elections line item, $1500.00 to the Library line item. And subtract $10,000.00 on the*

Township Hall line item. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle *to amend the 2026/2027 SMO Budget on the Revenue side; by subtracting $2000.00 from the contingency line item and adding $2000.00 to the legal line item.* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED**

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/D.Zielinski** to *pay General Fund bills, check numbers 15097 - 15123 plus EFT's in the amount of $ 46,426.37. The Sewer District checks 12193 - 12213 plus EFT's in the amount of $24,981.52, And the CLWD check numbers 889 - 891 in the amount of $1,541.54, and SMO Bond plus EFT's in the amount of $4303.75* **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. RESOLUTION CARRIES.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from the Pickel Ball players and the Mecosta County Sheriff's office were read. **MOTION K.Lytle/J.Austin** *to place correspondence on file.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B.Zielinski Thanked the Board members for taking a proactive stance with the Copperton Project.

With no further business or public comment to be brought before the Chippewa Township Board; **MOTION A.Walters/D.Zielinski** *to adjourn the October 7, 2026, regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:17 p.m.* **MOTION CARRIED.**

These minutes were prepared
By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk