

Regular Board Meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Call to order at 7:00pm**

**Roll Call:** Gomery here, Skeans here, Roach here, Forrester here, Bean absent

**Pledge Allegiance**

**Amendments to agenda:** None

**Review of minutes: (regular board meeting December 11<sup>th</sup>):** Motion by Skeans second by Gomery to approve the meeting minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup>. All in favor 4 yes 0 no 1 absent

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk reported his office finished year end wrap up and w2s have been sent to all employees and the books are closed on 2025. Also met with Chippewa County Clerk. The clerk also accepts the resignation of his current deputy clerk Renee Gray.

**Treasurers Report:** Absent

**Supervisors Report:** Snow removal has taken a lot of the buildings and ground staff person its continuous. FEMA flood hazard maps have been completed and start beginning updating zoning and ordinance. Heart and soul committee are still moving forward in February they will start their story telling process. Also looking for volunteers to do storytelling and listening they go into the public and gather the stories. January 26<sup>th</sup> is the training day. Mr. Hobbs is available. Had three incidents with the plow this month dent on rear driver's side fender, plow frame got hung up on the open top area at the township dump and the frame needed welding. Two days after the welding repairs the plow control wires got pinched and needed to be spliced back together. A concerned citizen sent questions in to be answered, and they went through at the meeting and will be uploaded to the website for viewing.

**Presentation of Bills:** Bills for the month of December totals 66,502.53 Payroll for December 45156.09 for total bills and payroll for December were 111,658.62. Motion by Gomery to bills and payroll for the month of December in amount of 111,658.62 second by Skeans roll call Glenn Gomery yes, Earl Skeans yes, Fred Roach yes, Edson Forrester yes, Kim Bean Absent motion carries.

**Correspondence/Recognition/Announcements:** none

**Public Comment:** Ailene Bitnar Thanks the board for response to the questions about the fire. Renee Gray stated the clerk should post on the Township website looking for a Deputy Clerk. Deb Skeans said that she wants to meet before township meeting and get a committee ready for the big event this summer/fall the 100-year celebration for Paradise and Vermillion and Cranberry Farm and whitefish point and vermilion and cranberry farm are getting involved with her. Bridgette Norduft wants to see the FEMA map and the Supervisor said he will look for it because it needs updated. November meeting was a discussion about moving the speed limit sign by the EMS building and MDOT needed to be advised. The Clerk contacted MDOT and they stated that it must be done through a study and they will look at an appropriate date before the work begins for the TAP grant. \$ wheeler trail will go from Mitchell's and connect to trail 8 the snow sled trail. Several groups are involved in getting it done and a lot that is addressed is from the Nightriders grooming group.

**Department and committee Reports:**

**Fire Report:** December had 1 meeting and Fire on north Whitefish Point Road with Hulbert mutual aid and wild cat road snowmobile accident called off.

**A request to hire Keegan and Christopher Planck.** Motion by Gomery support Forrester all in favor yes 4 0 no 1 absent.

**Request to purchase a laptop for fire** in amount of 1183.00 motion by Skeans support by Gomery all in favor 4 yes 0 no 1 absent motion carries.

**Request to approve fire operating on a Point Merit pay system** to get people involved. Based on 1500.00. Motion by Gomery Second by Roach all in favor 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent

**Request to raise pay for deputy and chief** wages 300.00 and 600.00. motion by Edson support by Roach 3 yes 1, 1 no, 1 absent motion carries

Motion by Forrester to approve budget amendment of 5,310 to GL line 206-336-702 support by Skeans all in favor 3 yes, 1 no, 1 absent motion carries

**EMS:** Report read and given and uploaded to website. Next EMS workshop is on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

Forrester mentions fire wants to be on separate page tones each time the ambulance is paged fire does not want to be woken up. Ems director to find a work around for that.

**Request for hiring:** Samantha Taylor to EMS motion by Gomery support by Roach to hire Samantha Taylor for EMS all in favor 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent motion carries.

**Luce County Intercept:** Language really never changed how we would like and the Supervisor will work with the EMS director. Tabled until next meeting.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Nothing Until April Meeting

**Planning Commission:** Nothing until March Meeting

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Old Business**

**Workshop with Fire/EMS/Board January 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm**

**New Business**

Policy approval tabled until February Board Meeting

**Resolution** to remove past Deputy Clerk Renee Gray from Soo Co Op accounts Motion by Gomery second by Skeans Roll Call Roach yes, Gomery yes, Skeans yes, Forrester yes, 1 absent Resolution passes.

Motion by Gomery second Roach to adjourn at 8:09pm 3 yes 1 absent meeting adjourned