

Rose Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
February 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Rose Township offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Brad Stilwell, Debbie Miller, William Jobs, Debra Bourdeau, Mike Maher

Absent: None

Others Present: Diane Hill, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary; Atty. William Delzer
Dan Johnson, Sylvia Roemer, Dan LaRue, Brady Lennon, Sharon Reisenauer, Linda Watson-Call,
Julius Stern, Will Love, Matt Weil, Chester Koop, Mike Brooks, Scott Woodcox, Autumn Woodcox

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Stilwell requested to amend the agenda as follows: Remove Item b. under New Business; add the following under reports: l.) Neighbor-2-Neighbor, and m.) No Haz

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Treasurer Jobs. A voice vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

YES: Miller, Jobs, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of January 8, 2025
- Receipt of Monthly Reports
- Building Report
- N.O.C.F.A
- HAYA
- Financial Reports
- Treasurers Report
- CDBG Report
- Code Enforcement Officer Report

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the consent agenda with HAYA, Treasurer’s Report, CBDG, and Code Enforcement Officer reports removed. Supported by Clerk Miller. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

YES: Miller, Jobs, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

3. PRESENTATIONS – None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Rental of Old Town Hall and Parks

No public comment was received.

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the Park Rental Agreement and the Old Township Hall Rental Agreement with changes to item #5, switching lessor and lessee. Supported by Clerk Miller. A voice vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

YES: Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Amendments to Rose Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article II North Oakland County Fire Authority – Resolution 2025-02

The amendments to NOCFA Bylaws were drafted by the NOCFA attorney and have been reviewed and approved by Holly and Rose Township attorneys and the NOCFA board of Directors.

Public Comments by: Stern, Johnson

Synopsis: location of the amended bylaws

Motion by Supervisor Stilwell to approve the amendments to the Rose Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article II North Oakland County Fire Authority, Resolution 2025-02. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

Resolution No. 2025-02

Resolution to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article II

Whereas, the NOCFA Articles of Incorporation have been under review for over a year; and

Whereas, legal teams from NOCFA, Rose Township, and Holly Township have worked together to update the Articles of Incorporation; and

Whereas, the Rose Township Supervisor and Clerk have been actively involved throughout the review and update process to ensure the revisions align with all applicable regulations and requirements.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rose Township Board hereby approves the proposed amendments to the NOCFA Articles of Incorporation as presented, for adoption by the Rose Township Board.

Be It Further Resolved that the Clerk is directed to take all necessary actions to facilitate the adoption of the amended Articles of Incorporation, in accordance with the applicable procedures.

YES: Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Removed during approval of the agenda
- c. Amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Article II to update cemetery fees for services – Resolution 2025-04

Genesee Vault (our cemetery sexton) increased their service rates.

No public comment.

ROSE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2025-04

RESOLUTION AMENDING CEMETERY FEES

WHEREAS, the Rose Township Board of Trustees has adopted Ordinance Number 139 authorizing amending cemetery fees and regulations by a resolution adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of the board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following fees and changes are adopted by the Rose Township Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amended fees and charges will take immediate effect.

SCHEDULE OF CEMETERY FEES AND CHARGES

Services	Fees & Charges	
	Resident	Non- Resident
Rights of Burial		

Babyland	\$150	\$150
Infant	\$150	\$150
Adult	\$400	\$600
Cremaains (Adult)	\$400	\$600
No charge on 2 nd Rights of Burial in same plot. (except Genesee Valley Vault opening/closing fees)		
Openings & Closings (By Genesee Valley Vault, Inc.)		
Burials	\$675	\$675
Burials - Saturday	\$775	\$775
Burials - Sunday & Holiday	\$975	\$975
Cremations	\$325	\$325
Cremations - Saturday	\$425	\$425
Cremations - Sunday & Holiday	\$625	\$625
Miscellaneous Services		
Grave Location	\$100	\$100
Removals & Vault Openings	\$700	\$700
Foundations		
\$.60 per square inch or a minimum charge of \$150	Min. charge \$150	Min. charge \$150
Transfers (per plot)	\$100.00	\$100.00

Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the amendment to the code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Article II, Resolution 2025-04, to update cemetery fees. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

YES: Miller, Jobses, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

- d. Phase-Out of Maintenance-Only Special Assessment Districts (with the exception of those that have expiration dates) Effective December 31, 2025 and Discontinue Accepting Application for Maintenance-Only Special Assessment Districts – Resolution 2025-05.

The attorney opinion on this matter states that basically maintenance projects do not fall under special assessments. The Township is putting together a plan to meet with every SAD (except two whose agreements have expired) before the end of the year to implement the transition away from the current use of the SAD. The intention is to do the right thing as a Township.

Public comments by: Johnson, LaRue, Koop, Stern

Synopsis: Tipsico Lake Improvement Project is entity of Oakland Water Resource (not a SAD); request for proof in writing that SAD cannot be used for maintenance; research the origins of the SAD; will it impact funding of the Fire Authority; clarification regarding two groups whose contract have expired; is Fish Lake weed abatement a SAD; assumption that money collected is in investments

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

Resolution to Phase Out Maintenance-Only Special Assessment Districts

Whereas, the Township Board has conducted research and sought legal counsel regarding the future of Special Assessment Districts (SADs) for maintenance-only purposes; and

Whereas, legal counsel from Mr. David Lattie has recommended that the Township phase out Special Assessment Districts that are not tied to specific projects and that solely cover maintenance work; and

Whereas, the Township Board acknowledges the importance of collaborating with local associations and groups to facilitate a smooth transition and phase-out process for existing maintenance-only SADs; and

Whereas, the Township Board is committed to ensuring the proper handling of funds associated with these SADs by working with an accounting firm to ensure that funds are accurately allocated and returned to the respective associations by December 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the Township Board will honor the existing agreements for any maintenance-only SAD that has a contract expiration date after the phase-out date, continuing to service these SADs as per their existing agreements until the expiration date is reached;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Board agrees to begin the process of phasing out all maintenance-only Special Assessment Districts by December 31, 2025, with the exception of those with an expiration date beyond this date, which will continue to be serviced according to the terms of their agreement until the expiration date; and

Further resolved, that the Township Board will cease to accept any further applications for Special Assessment Districts that are not tied to specific projects until further notice.

Motion by Trustee Jobes to phase out of maintenance districts, with the exception of those that have expired, effective December 31, 2025 and discontinue accepting applications for maintenance-only special assessment districts, Resolution 2025-05. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried 5/0.

YES: Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher, Stilwell

NO: None

ABSENT: None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No-Haz Days
 - Saturday, April 12, 8 am – 1 pm, Pine Knob Music Theatre
 - Saturday, June 7, 8 am – 1 pm, Oxford Middle School
 - Saturday, July 19, 8 am – 1 pm, Kensington Church
 - Saturday, September 13, 8 am – 1 pm, Oakland County Service Center Campus
- NOCFA meeting –February 25, 2025
- Zoning Board of Appeals - March 4, 2025
- Planning Commission -March 6, 2025
- Board of Trustees - March 12, 2025

7. **Public Comments** - Comments only; limit to 3 minutes

Dan Johnson, 8635 Tipsico Trail, addressed the board.

8. **Reports**

- a. Clerk Miller
 - Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 3
- b. Cemetery – Clerk Miller
 - Planning to meet in March to replace president
- c. N.O.C.F.A. – Supervisor Stilwell
 - Union negotiations continue; 4 meetings have been held to-date
 - Applications for the Citizen at Large are closed
 - Next meeting is at Rose Township Hall on February 25
 - Clerk Miller read a letter from Fire Chief Weil commending the recent life-saving actions of an off-duty FF/medic
- d. HAYA – Trustee Bourdeau
 - She will attend her first meeting on Feb. 24
 - Fueling Kids’ Futures provides food for approximately 400 student each year
- e. Trustee
- f. Treasurer
- g. Zoning Board of Appeals
- h. Parks and Recreation
- i. Heritage Committee
- j. Supervisor

9. **Adjournment**

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