

Special Monday Meeting Rose Township Board of Trustees
MINUTES
November 24, 2025, 10:30 am

Location: Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly MI 48442

CALL TO ORDER – Treasurer Jobs called the meeting to order at 10:30 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jobs, Bourdeau, Maher

ABSENT: Stilwell, Miller

Motion by Treasurer Jobs to excuse Stilwell and Miller. Supported by Trustee Maher. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 3/0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Treasurer Jobs. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 3/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2025

Motion by Treasurer Jobs to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Trustee Maher. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 3/0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Support the Village of Holly Regarding Stiffs Mill Pond (Holly Mill Pond), Proposed Resolution 2025-38.

The board reviewed the attorney's revisions to the resolution which assured that Rose Township would have no obligations, financial and otherwise, in voicing their support for the Village of Holly and the Stiffs Mill Pond Dam Committee in their joint efforts regarding preserving and restoring the dam. Because of time constraints, approval of the resolution could not wait until the December board meeting.

Resolution 2025-38

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution of Support for the Village of Holly Regarding Stiffs Mill Pond (Holly Mill Pond)

WHEREAS, Stiffs Mill Pond (also known as Holly Mill Pond) has been a defining feature of the shared landscape between the Village of Holly and Rose Township for more than 185 years, serving as a vital part of the area's history, community identity, and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Stiffs Mill Pond Dam and embankment, originally constructed in the mid-1800s, have long contributed to the ecological, cultural, and economic vitality of both jurisdictions, symbolizing the area's early industrial heritage and continued environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holly, following the dam's "poor" rating in EGLE's 2017 safety inspection and the subsequent emergency drawdown order in July 2025, has taken numerous steps in good faith to comply with state requirements, including the creation of the Stiffs Mill Pond Dam Committee, commissioning engineering reviews, and coordinating regional collaboration to preserve the pond and its ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Stiffs Mill Pond lies within the headwaters of the Shiawassee River system, contributing to the greater watershed's health, biodiversity, and recreational opportunities for the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Stiffs Mill Pond Dam Committee, comprised of residents, riparian owners, and representatives from multiple municipalities, has worked diligently to unify stakeholders, coordinate communication, and pursue fair, long-term solutions for all affected properties; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holly has initiated the process of pursuing a legal lake level under Part 307 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which, if approved, would ensure long-term oversight of Stiffs Mill Pond, sustainable management of water levels, and equitable cost distribution among direct beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Holly and the Holly Township Parks Commission have already demonstrated formal support through resolutions recognizing the importance of Stiffs Mill Pond to the greater Shiawassee River watershed and its community value as a historic and environmental resource; and

WHEREAS, Rose Township acknowledges that Stiffs Mill Pond lies partly within its jurisdiction and recognizes its vital role in maintaining habitat, supporting recreation, and preserving the shared environmental and cultural heritage of both communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees hereby formally expresses its support, albeit not financially, for the Village of Holly and the Stiffs Mill Pond Dam Committee in their joint efforts to preserve, maintain, and restore Stiffs Mill Pond, including the pursuit of a legal lake level designation through Oakland County under Part 307; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Village of Holly and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as an expression of Rose Township's support and shared commitment to the preservation of Stiffs Mill Pond as a vital part of the area's history, environment, and community identity

Adopted this 24th day of November 2025

Motion by Trustee Maher to accept the language from Attorney Delzer for Resolution 2025-38 to Support the Village of Holly Regarding Stiffs Mill Pond (Holly Mill Pond). Supported by Treasurer Jobs. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 3/0.

YES votes: Jobs, Maher, Bourdeau

NO votes: none

Absent/Excused: Stilwell, Miller

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports & Updates

All present gave reports and updates regarding action items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - limit to 3 minutes

ADJOURNMENT - Treasurer Jobes adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

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