

Monday Meeting Rose Township Board of Trustees
MINUTES
March 9, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 10:32 am

ROLL CALL

PRESENT – Stilwell, Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher

ABSENT - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Supervisor Stilwell asked to add New Business, Item #2 – Poverty Exemption Level
- Request to accept Trustee Bourdeau's report early in the meeting

Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of March 2, 2026 Minutes

These minutes will be approved at the March 11, 2026 board meeting. No action taken.

2. Review of Salary/Compensation Studies

The reports are not ready for review. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Auditor Rana Emmons – will report later in the meeting
2. Poverty Exemption Level

The Board of Review brought it to the attention of the Board of Trustees that the exemption threshold level approved in January 2026 was higher than intended. The board agreed to adjust 2025 numbers by the Inflation Rate Multiplier of 1.027 to lower the exemption threshold.

Motion by Supervisor Stilwell to amend the January 1, 2026 poverty level income and add 1.027 to January 1, 2025 numbers. Supported by Trustee Maher. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

REPORTS

- Trustee Bourdeau – showed a video of the installation of the bat houses and bird houses. The board will invite the Eagle Scout Gabe Hornback to the March 11 meeting to receive recognition and a certificate

- Trustee Maher – Miller and Maher attended the February Neighbor-2-Neighbor meeting; attended the March 1 Heritage Committee meeting; requested the board to consider budgeting funds for Heritage Committee events
- Deputy Supervisor Patterson-Lawrence - \$2,572 HAYA funds remaining; HAYA contract being prepared for next funding request; \$2,761.89 CDBG funds remaining; OLHSA will fund lawn mowing for qualified seniors until the end of July 2026 (unsure of funding after that date); applied for Consumers Energy grant in the amount of \$105k for invasive species removal and treatment at Rose Ponds and Dearborn Park
- Deputy Treasurer Sparks – no report
- Supervisor Stilwell – negotiations continue with NOCFA firefighters union; no agreement
- Treasurer Jobes – will be doing settlement soon and system will be locked down; expressed disappointment that salaries for the deputies have not been increased
- Deputy Clerk Hill – no report
- Clerk Miller – policy does not cover payment for additional meetings and trainings (beyond regular meetings) for Trustees and other board members (i.e. Board of Review, etc), who are now attending additional meetings and trainings on behalf of the Township. Board will discuss a resolution to amend policies. August ballot may contain a proposal for an additional 1.5 mils in taxes for Oakland County Schools for six years.

New Business, Item #1 moved - Discussion with Auditor Rana Emmons

Auditor Emmons will present the FY 2025-26 Audit at the March 11 board meeting

- Added \$204k to the general fund
- All of ARPA funds have been expended and reported
- We have adequate money in the fire fund

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suggestion to include poverty exemption information on the tax bills

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Stilwell adjourned the meeting at 127 pm.