

**Rose Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
March 11, 2026**

Location: 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI

CALL TO ORDER -Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Stilwell, Miller, Jobes, Maher, Bordeau

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions were requested:

- Presentations – Add Gabe Hornback (Eagle Scout Project)
- New Business, Item #5 – West Nile Virus Fund Participation/Reimbursement Authorization
- Correct the listing for Trustee Deborah Bordeau on the agenda

Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the agenda with the proposed additions. Supported by Treasurer Jobes. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Request to remove item for 2/23/2026 Monday meeting minutes. They were not in the packet.

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the 2/23/2026 minutes. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Miller – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes; Jobes – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS

Township Audit FY Ending June 30, 2025 - Rana Emmons, PSLZ PLLC

The Township received the highest level opinion of unmodified (clean audit). Key highlights:

- Property tax is largest revenue source - the Township did not increase millage rates; however, there was increased revenue due to the annual rate of inflation adjustment
- Slight decrease in state shared revenue; down by approx. 1% (state adjusted their rate)
- Franchise fees decreased approximately 11% (possibly because of the general decline in cable subscriptions)
- Income for last year is lower than the prior year because of ARPA funds
- Investment income increased by almost 50%; commended the Township (and Treasurer) for their investment decisions

- Expenditures were generally consistent with the prior year, but a little more was spent on the roads
- Remaining ARPA funds of \$103k were used for a fire rescue truck
- Fire expenses increased by 4.5% as anticipated
- General Fund balance increased by approximately \$284,000, ending the year with about \$2.2 million

Eagle Scout Project – Gabe Hornback

Gabe Hornback presented his Eagle Scout project involving the construction and installation of three bat houses and bird houses in Township parks. The project involved volunteer assistance and supports local wildlife habitat. The audience viewed a video of the bat and bird houses being constructed, and the board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Scout Hornback.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS** 2026 RCOC Dust Control (Chloride) Program – Blanket Coverage, Proposed Resolution 2026-03

Public Comment: None

The board discussed the following options:

- Option #1 – 4 applications for a cost of \$97,385.71
- Option #2 – 5 applications for a cost of \$121,732.14

Rose Township 2026-03 Dust Control Resolution

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has established a 2026 Dust Control Program; and

WHEREAS, Rose Township has 283,098 linear feet of eligible gravel roads; and

WHEREAS, the cost for four (4) blanket applications totals \$97,385.71; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds participation promotes public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rose Township Board authorizes participation in the 2026 RCOC Dust Control Program for four (4) blanket applications at a total estimated cost of \$97,385.71; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to execute necessary documents and notify RCOC prior to April 10, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding shall be paid from the appropriate Township fund as determined by the Board. Adopted this 11th day of March, 2026.

Motion by Treasurer Jobes to approve Proposed Resolution 2026-03, Option #1, authorizing participation in the 2026 RCOC Dust Control Program for four (4) blanket applications at a total estimated cost of \$97,385.71 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents and notify RCOC prior to April 10, 2026. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Bourdeau – yes; Miller – yes; Maher – yes; Stilwell – yes; Jobes – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

2. Rose Township Resolution – 2026-04 Data Center Moratorium

Public Comment: None

The Board considered a resolution establishing a 12-month moratorium on data centers to allow time for the Planning Commission, Township Planner, and Attorney to review zoning regulations and develop standards.

**ROSE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2026-04
DATA CENTER MORATORIUM**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Township of Rose, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Rose Township, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on Wednesday, the 11th of March, 2026 and has declared its intent to impose a Temporary Moratorium for a period of twelve (12) months on the establishing, permitting, consideration, approval, location, construction, and/or installation of Data Center in the Township of Rose.

WHEREAS, the Township currently has not established, approved, and implemented, or has limited zoning standards for Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers have begun being proposed in neighboring communities, and interest may be expressed to possibly locate in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it has recently come to the attention of the Township Board that the Township should study and review whether Data Center's require additional local regulation within the Township of Rose, and whether absent such additional local regulation, these Data Center's may interfere with other land uses, and may have substantial impacts on the environment, public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legitimate public purpose in assessing the regulation of the establishment and the use of Data Centers within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is desirous of assessing its regulations to implement an appropriate regulatory approach for addressing potential impacts of these Data Centers while ensuring the productive and healthy development within the Township, which may include designated areas where these Data Centers may be located within the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to consider and assess amendments to its current regulations regarding the establishment and use of Data Centers that are consistent with all the applicable state and federal laws, including applicable judicial precedent; and

WHEREAS, the time to consider and assess regulation of these Data Centers will take several months; and

WHEREAS, the Township is legitimately invested in ensuring that the establishment and use of Data Centers does not interfere with other land uses, or have substantial negative impacts on the environment, public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is a routine and appropriate method to enact a reasonable and temporary moratorium to consider enactment of a zoning ordinance specifically applied to Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds it is necessary and reasonable to establish a temporary moratorium on the establishment and use of Data Centers within the Township for twelve (12) months or until the Township has enacted a regulatory ordinance setting forth the regulations for the establishment and use of Data Centers within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board as follows:

Section 1: Moratorium. The Township hereby temporarily enacts a blanket prohibition on the establishment and use of Data Centers, including without limitation, approval of such use within the Township, pending further study and enactment of Township regulation addressing the same.

Section 2: Term; Renewal. This Moratorium shall terminate and be of no further effect twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Moratorium or upon further Township Board action

Section 3: Internal Review. The Township Planning Commission, along with the Township Planners, Township Officials, and Township Attorney, shall proceed with efforts to study the relevant state of the law, and shall present to the Township Board and Planning Commission a proposed plan for a change to the Zoning Ordinance, or the Code of Ordinances, or any combination thereof, with respect to applicants for Data Centers, as deemed appropriate.

Section 4: Waiver. A waiver of the Moratorium may be granted upon the request of an applicant if the Township Board finds that a waiver would not impact the health, safety, and welfare of the Township and is deemed reasonable by the Township Board in exercising its legislative authority over land use regulation to remain consistent with the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Maher to adopt Resolution 2026-04 establishing a twelve (12) month temporary moratorium on Data Centers within Rose Township, and to authorize the Township Attorney to take any necessary legal action, including filing pretrial motions, to defend the Township's legislative authority and the adopted moratorium. Supported by Treasurer Jobes. A roll call vote was taken. Stilwell – yes; Miller – yes; Jobes – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

3. Cancel April Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Treasurer Jobes to cancel the Planning Commission meeting on April 2 and the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on April 7 for lack of business. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

4. Group Pension Plan – Amendment to the Existing 401 (a) Plan to change Class 2 Eligibility to Include the Deputy Supervisor

Public Comment: None

Motion by Trustee Maher to amend the existing 401 (a) Plan to change Class 2 Eligibility to include the Deputy Supervisor. Supported by Clerk Miller. A roll call vote was taken. Bourdeau – yes; Jobes – yes; Maher – yes; Miller – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

5. West Nile Virus Fund Participation/Reimbursement, Proposed Resolution 2026-XX

Public Comment: None

No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOCFA – March 24, 2026

Neighbor-to-Neighbor – March 25, 2026

Planning Commission – April 2, 2026

ZBA – April 7, 2026

Board of Trustees – April 8, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS

Clerk

- Upcoming elections scheduled for August and November. Holly Area Schools may place a millage proposal on the August ballot – 1.5 mills for 6 years

NOCFA

- Contract negotiations with the union continue. The board approved purchase of a new ambulance. Monthly call volume totaled approximately 133 calls, including 51 from Rose Township

Trustee Bourdeau – no report for HAYA or the Library

Trustee Maher

- Neighbor-to-Neighbor meeting focused largely on road conditions.
- The Heritage Committee meeting and visual tour was very successful

Treasurer Jobes

- Tax settlement period approaching
- Residents may obtain revised tax statements from the office
- The county foreclosure prevention program was also noted.

Parks and Recreation

- A grant request was submitted for invasive species control in township parks

Supervisor

- Rose Oaks County Park will conduct a controlled burn on approximately **13 acres** this spring to improve habitat and control invasive species.
- Staff updates included the appointment of Laura Patterson as full-time Deputy Supervisor

- At the previous presentation, Tina Russett stated that Holly High School and the Middle School did not have libraries. Scott Roper, Superintendent of Holly Schools has since clarified that all Holly school buildings have libraries and media centers
- Deputy Supervisor Patterson-Lawrence has submitted a \$500,000 Plant America grant request to help Rose Township address invasive species, including bittersweet vine, which has been spreading in the Rose Ponds area.

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Stillwell adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Hill – Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary