

Portland Township
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The Portland Township Board met on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6pm at the Portland Township Hall for the February 2025 board meeting.

Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All board members were present.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Ionia Conservation District members attended this meeting to share information about the Ionia County Materials Management Planning and discuss the recycle compactors the Township board is considering for the Township.

Some residents of the City and the Township attended this meeting to question; the need for a new Township Hall, zoning ordinance questions, storage container approval, recycle site status, communication timeline (Facebook) and future land use for the property being sold.

Assessor Kohagen noted the March Board of Review meeting dates. Trustee Simon motioned to approve March 11 and 12th for the Portland Township board of review meeting dates seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried. Assessment notices will be sent out from the County in the next week.

Zoning Administrator Schneider reviewed his monthly report.

Treasurer Schneider noted the account balances. There were 4 fire runs/1 billable. The Sunset Ridge lots were noted at 481. A tax collection update was given. Approved banking access was updated.

Supervisor Jensen gave an update on the past month meetings he attended. A meeting was held on 2/5/25 with the ICRC and noted that approximately 8.5 miles in Portland Township will

become primary roads, this makes a change for the County to cover ½ of improvement costs for these roads.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the Township board members in attending the annual MTA Conference seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the PAMA 25/26 budget for Portland Township's share of approximately \$9, 226.00 seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve and amend budget items for the 24/25 budget: -software/Tech amend to 8,000, -Rent amend to 3,000, -money refunded amend to 1,000, -clerk internet amend to 1,500, -treasurer supplies amend to 2,000, -treasurer postage amend to 3,000, -election salaries amend to 4,600, -PAMA bldg./mtx amend to 28,000, -still meadows SA amend to 32,000, -recreation amend to 8,500, -drain at large amend to 5,500, seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve a 3% salary increase for all Township Board members seconded by Trustee Kerekes. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2025 Gradall agreement with the ICRC seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the 2025 Brine agreement with the ICRC noting a 2,000-gallon application until further discussion seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to approve the Reverse Positive Pay security feature with Huntington Bank seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

The Ionia County Sheriff department deputy submitted a quarterly report for Portland Township incidents.

Trustee Simon motioned to agree in principle to the contract renewal for the Portland Area Fire Authority seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried. An updated formal agreement for signatures is being pursued.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the PAFA 25/26 budget seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

The board discussed the continuance of the Portland Township Facebook site.

Supervisor Jensen will contact legal concerning the ownership of a recycle compacter from the Ionia County Conservation District.

Supervisor Jensen will continue discussions with the City of Portland and interested parties concerning a 425 agreement for the Grand River property.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the delivery of a storage container to the Knox Rd. Township property seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 7:36 pm seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Respectfully,

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk