

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FINAL MINUTES
May 05, 2026 – 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fountain at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Lubeski, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Also present was Township Manger Mike Luce.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the May 5, 2026 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee O'Connell, Seconded by Trustee Petrucci.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Lubeski, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

5. Call to the Public

No one came forward.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the May 5, 2026 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Treasurer Horning, Seconded by Trustee Petrucci

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Lubeski, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Approve Post Audit of Disbursement Between Board Meetings
- c. 04-21-26 Hartland Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes

7. Pending & New Business

- a. Hartland Enrichment and Recreation Organization (H.E.R.O.) Presentation

Kay Fountain and Russ Greer of the HERO Teen Center came forward to thank the Board for their support of the HERO Teen Center over the years. She stated the Teen Center opened in 2012 and for the last 14 years they have been using the old Township Hall to serve over 30 young adults each day. She stated it is a safe place for the kids to go after school, make new friends, and enjoy a meal under adult supervision. She introduced Russ Greer who has been on the HERO Board for 12 years and serves as a mentor and chef for those at the Teen Center. She also stated that Trustee Petrucci and Trustee Lubeski also serve on the HERO Board and that Trustee Petrucci was instrumental in getting the HERO Center started. Several students then came forward and provided a brief overview of the activities at the Teen Center, what they do there, and how much they appreciate the Teen

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Center. Supervisor Fountain stated there were some recent improvements at the Teen Center and one student explained how much nicer and cleaner it is and how much more room there is with the new furniture. Kay Fountain stated they operate solely on donations and what the Township does for them and also thanked St. John's Catholic Church for their large donations of food, cleaning supplies, and activity supplies over the years. Trustee Petrucci inquired as to whether there will be a summer program and Kay Fountain responded that there will not be one this year but that they are trying to work with Howell Parks and Recreation to have one in 2027. Supervisor Fountain inquired about the Hoop House at the Teen Center and Kay Fountain responded that an Eagle Scout, Sawyer McDonald, did his Eagle Scout project at the Hoop House. He cleaned up the Hoop House and constructed four metal mesh planting tables. He stated he wanted to do this because he had been coming to the Teen Center since he was in seventh grade and now that he is a senior he wanted to give back to the Teen Center. She stated they have already planted seeds, and some are already germinating. The Teen Center then presented a video they made regarding the Teen Center. Supervisor Fountain thanked those present and commended them on their ability to come forward and speak to the Board.

8. Board Reports

Trustee Lubeski - No report.

Trustee McMullen - No report.

Trustee Petrucci - Thanked the Board, the Veterans Memorial Committee, and Township Staff for the outstanding job in organizing a first-rate dedication ceremony for the Veterans Memorial.

Clerk Ciofu - No report.

Treasurer Horning - Stated she received several comments from people at her counter saying how great the event was, how patriotic they felt, and how proud they were of our Hartland Community last Saturday. She stated it was so great to hear this kind of feedback from our community. She also stated that the Treasury Department has hired a new Treasurer Assistant. Her name is Denise and she will be starting on May 18th. She comes with a lot of experience, much of it through title companies, which are the people that are calling them for information, and she is knowledgeable regarding computers. Treasurer Horning also stated she reluctantly received Donna's resignation effective June 1st, but that she will stay on for a couple of days a week to teach the new staff member for a smooth transition. She stated that Gywn has earned her Michigan Municipal Treasurer certification, so she is all ready to take over and she will become the Deputy Treasurer on June 1.

Trustee O'Connell - Thanked the Township staff for their work on the Veterans Memorial Dedication on Saturday and thanked the community for coming out and invited all that have not seen it to come and visit it as it is spectacular.

Supervisor Fountain - Supervisor Fountain commented on the Dedication Day with the flyover, the bagpipers, and what he thought brought it all together, the students in the band and the choir. He stated it was very well done and commended Manager Luce and Communications Director Melynda Bernardi for putting the schedule together and the Township staff for their involvement as the timing of the presentation was impeccable.

[BRIEF RECESS]

9. Information / Discussion

a. M59 / Old US23 Discussion

Manager Luce stated he had a meeting last week with Sheetz, Square One, and MDOT to discuss the M-59/US-23 intersection. He stated MDOT will be repaving M-59 from basically Charyl Stockwell to Lakena next spring. He then led a discussion on how we can all work together to

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improve this intersection. Items discussed were MDOT's schedule for projects in this area, the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC) paving of north Old US-23 when school lets out, the status of Sheetz and Square One approvals from the Township and MDOT, the potential line up of Square One entrance to the Target entrance on the north side of M-59 to include a traffic light, and working out acceleration and deceleration lanes. Further discussion was held on possible financial contributions by the Township for this intersection, our current contribution with the LCRC for the north Old US-23 paving, the cost of the needed road improvements for each of the two developments, the specifics of what the Township contributions would look like, and the current plan for the Old US-23/M-59 intersection with double turn lanes. Manager Luce gave a brief overview of what the Townships contributions could be used for and inquired of the Board whether the Township would be willing to contribute, and if so a general number that we would consider helping improve traffic flow at this intersection. Discussion was held on any contributions effect on the Township operating budget and other road projects included in the road millage. A brief discussion was held on the Pleasant Valley easement issues and the Bergin Rd paving plan, the current road rating for the Old US-23/M-59 intersection, concerns with the coordination of the various entities in the construction phase of potential improvements, and the methodology in allocating Township contributions towards items relating to the two developments. General consensus of the Board was that we would be willing to contribute financially to the intersection improvements but would need detailed cost information from both developers before discussing a dollar amount.

b. Manager's Report

Manager Luce stated that the Veterans Memorial Dedication was a fantastic event on Saturday and thanked all that were involved. He stated that he felt that we had the nicest and most well thought out Veterans Memorial in the area. He thanked Trustee Petrucci for the concept and stated that it is a good fit for the park and gives people a nice area to go and reflect and give thanks to our veterans. He stated that the Township staff went above and beyond his expectations in getting the Memorial built. He stated Director Hable was instrumental in working with Fenton Memorials and he commended his work on this project. He also commended and thanked Jim Roth of Hell Creek Forge for his design and fabrication of the brackets for the War Plaques, the War Animal Plaque, and the Donor Plaque. Mr. Roth looked at the plaques, designed a prototype, fabricated the final brackets and dropped them off within a few days and was so very generous in donating all of his time and materials. Manager Luce stated that we had the bid opening for the first round of the \$5MM Water Bond and we had six bidders. The winning bid was from BOK Financial Securities at a true interest cost of 3.749733 over the twenty-year period. He stated we received a \$50,000 good faith deposit today, and we should receive the bond funds by the end of the month. He stated now that we have the bond funds he will bring the water main extension project to the Board. Manager Luce stated we will also have the benefit renewals on the next Board meeting. Manager Luce stated staff have been working on a Township Emergency Management Plan, updating the Emergency Plan we submitted to the County for specific Township roles. We will incorporate the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department once we have a draft plan. Manager Luce stated the Assessing staff will be visiting Board members and Planning Commission members homes in the near future. Manager Luce stated he and Public Works Director Scott Hable met with the new Ramco owners to discuss new business's and REU concerns for potential developments in the complex. Manager Luce gave a brief overview of the issues regarding Floodgate Church and Faith of the Nation properties regarding the land contract default situation, unpaid taxes and utility bills, a REU transfer request, and potential solutions to the overall issue.

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10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Lubeski, Seconded by Trustee McMullen.

Voting Yea: Supervisor Fountain, Clerk Ciofu, Treasurer Horning, Trustee Lubeski, Trustee
McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

Voting Nay: None

Submitted by:

Larry N. Ciofu, Clerk