

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 04, 2025 – 7:00 PM

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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, Trustee Lubeski, Trustee McMullen, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Petrucci

ABSENT: Treasurer Horning

Also present was Public Works Director Scott Hable.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Move to approve the agenda for the November 4, 2025 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Treasurer Horning

5. Call to the Public

No one came forward.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Move to approve the consent agenda for the November 4, 2025 Hartland Township Board meeting as presented.

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, Seconded by Clerk Ciofu.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Treasurer Horning

- a. Approve Payment of Bills
- b. Approve Post Audit of Disbursements Between Board Meetings
- c. 10-21-25 Hartland Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. Budget Amendment - GIS/New Zoning Maps

7. Pending & New Business

There was no Pending or New Business at this meeting.

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8. Board Reports

Trustee O'Connell - Stated she has been working with the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority (HDFA) Compensation Committee and they will be presenting their report to the HDFA Board at the end of the month, and this will probably be before this Board in December.

Trustee Lubeski - No report.

Trustee McMullen - No report.

Trustee Petrucci - Stated that at the HDFA meeting last Thursday there was a discussion on the need for two additional full-time firefighters. He stated with the increased development and growth in the Township, the number of fire runs has increased dramatically and there has been significant overtime paid for this and the associated paperwork that needed to be completed. A brief discussion was held on overtime vs. additional staff and benefit expenses, the number of full-time firefighters compared to similar sized townships, the timing of adding two additional staff, the overall HDFA budget projections for next fiscal year, run volumes and percentage increases, the types of runs that are occurring, and cost reimbursement processes.

Clerk Ciofu - Stated we have received the funds from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) ADA Grant and we will be scheduling the proposed ADA compliance projects outlined in our Grant proposal next week.

Supervisor Fountain - Brought up House Bill 4230 for road funding that creates neighborhood road funds, provides for a distribution of the funds, and provides funding for bridges and specific township roads without a match. He stated this will be discussed with staff to see if we would qualify for this funding.

Director Hable was excused from the meeting.

[BRIEF RECESS]

9. Information / Discussion

a. Update on M59 and MDOT Meeting

Supervisor Fountain gave a brief overview of the meeting held with Rep. Jason Woolford, three MDOT representatives, himself, Mike Luce, and Larry Fox from the Township, and Oceola Township Supervisor Sean Dunleavy, held in Lansing on October 22nd. Key points discussed were MDOT regional organization, MDOT's stating even though the M-59 widening project from Hartland to Howell has been designed, and they have the majority of the easements, there has been no discussion at MDOT for widening of M-59 at this time. MDOT repeatedly stated that they are in a road preservation mode. Supervisor Fountain stated we emphasized the issue we have in Hartland right now is the M-59 / US-23 intersection. Rep. Woolford stated that Livingston County will receive nearly \$40 million from the State of Michigan for county road improvements next year and he would like to see much of this go to the M-59 / US-23 intersection. Supervisor Fountain stated Hartland Township has put in \$11 million in roads over the last ten years and we will be contributing another \$13 million over the next ten years and that he will discuss with our Township Board if they would consider using some of our resources to assist in the improvement of the intersection. He stated the overall improvement of the M-59 / US-23 intersection would take a combination of resources from MDOT, the Livingston County Road Commission (LCRC), the Townships, and developers. Further discussion was held on expanding or constructing a boulevard from Old US-23 to the west, at least to Cullen Rd or Hacker Rd, a roundabout at M-59 and Latson Rd that MDOT stated is scheduled for 2026, the Square One development communication, or lack of communication, with MDOT, and potential Hartland Township funding methods. It was discussed that the Square One / MDOT communication issue be a high priority as this development could be done well in advance of any M-59 improvements and would help take some of the Charyl

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Stockwell Academy traffic off of M-59 and onto Old US-23 via the connecting road through the Square One development.

b. Spring 2025 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

Supervisor Fountain led a brief discussion on community engagement based on a report from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy from data collected from their Spring 2025 Michigan Public Policy Survey. He stated that statewide satisfaction among local officials with residents' overall engagement with their local governments has declined from 58% in 2012 to 38% in 2025. He stated Community Education was one of the Strategic Planning goals identified in our recent Strategic Planning session. Discussion was held on the various approaches for engaging residents outlined in the study, and that the majority of these items were things Hartland Township has already implemented. Further discussion was held on the difficulties we have finding qualified candidates for Township Boards and Commissions, the positive Hartland Township Government Citizens Survey results compared to the State, like sized municipalities in the Midwest and the National survey results, and the difficulty we have getting residents involved and to participate in Township business.

c. Strategic Planning Review

Supervisor Fountain led a discussion of the Board of Trustees Strategic Plan 2025-2028 Workshop Summary. Items discussed were Community Education including Town Hall meetings, Newsletters and the Partners in Progress, Infrastructure, including the Water System, Fire Hall, Sewer District and REU Buyback Policy, and Walkability, including Sidewalks to the Parks, Public Safety needs, and Parks Master Plan updates. Further discussion was held on funding methods and prioritizing the Strategic Plan items over the three-year Strategic Plan period.

d. Manager's Report

Trustee Petrucci gave a brief report for Manager Luce who was unable to attend the meeting tonight stating the two Veterans Memorial donor plaques have been ordered and they were only \$450 per plaque, including all of the lettering. He stated the cost was well below what we anticipated and significantly lower than the bronze plaques we initially envisioned. He stated they will be 3/4" thick and 24" by 30" and they will match the other plaques and the Memorial.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Ciofu, Seconded by Trustee McMullen.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Treasurer Horning

Submitted by:

Larry N. Ciofu, Clerk