

Echo Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2025

Derenzy called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present: Hott, Graham, Derenzy, Petrie & Kucharek. Three guests in the audience. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

December minutes reviewed by the Board. Motion by Petrie to approve minutes; supported by Hott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report reviewed by the Board. Motion by Petrie to approve Treasurer's report; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

Motion by Graham to approve payment of bills totaling \$10,956.78; supported by Petrie. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Scola updated Board on Commissioner's meetings – new Chair and Vice Chair appointed; Bill Hefferan and Jarris Rubingh respectively.

**Unfinished Business:** FEMA – National Flood Insurance Program / Twp Park sign

**New Business:** **(1)** Hott to reach out to FEMA for updated information **(2)** Motion by Hott, supported by Petrie, to adopt Resolution Establishing Income Guidelines and Asset Test Policy for Poverty Exemption, Resolution #01-2025, carried. Roll Call: All in favor. **(3)** Motion by Hott, supported by Petrie, to adopt Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption, Resolution #02-2025, carrier. Roll call: All in favor. **(4)** Motion by Hott, to purchase a new Laptop, using Windows 11, for Election purposes (to be reimbursed by the State), supported by Graham. Motion carried. **(5)** Motion by Petrie to accept quote from TAP Services for building framework for new sign with roof and lighting at Twp Park; supported by Graham. Motion carried. **(6)** Motion by Hott to accept quote from TAP Services for remodeling north and south ends of the Twp Hall (making outside totally maintenance free); supported by Petrie. Motion carried. **(7)** Motion by Petrie to adopt Resolution #03-2025, to establish Township Officer's Salary setting Township Clerk's salary in the amount of \$21,000, supported by Graham. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek, and Derenzy. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(8)** Motion by Petrie to adopt Resolution #04-2025, to establish Township Officer's Salary setting Township Treasurer's salary in the amount of \$16,537.50; supported by Graham. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Graham, Petrie, Kucharek and Derenzy. Abstain: Hott. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(9)** Motion by Hott to adopt Resolution #05-2025 to establish Board of Review (BOR) wages of \$168 for all day sessions and \$84 for half day sessions; supported by Graham. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek, and Derenzy. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(10)** Motion by Hott to adopt Resolution #06-2025 to establish wages for Election Inspector Chair at \$19/hour and Election Inspector at \$17/hour; supported by Petrie. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek, and Derenzy. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(11)** Motion by Hott to loan JV EMS Authority \$10,000 for a period of two years at 3.5% interest; supported by Petrie. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek and Derenzy. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(12)** Motion by Petrie to adopt Resolution #07-2024 to establish wages for lawn care maintenance to \$22/hour; supported by Graham. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek, and Derenzy. Nay: None. Absent: None. **(13)** Motion by Hott to accept quotes from Revolution Waste for Twp Park dumpster service and June 21, 2025 Spring Clean-up; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Backroom re-organization project will start Saturday, January 11. MTA BOR training will be held February 6 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm at Twp Hall.

**Committee Reports:** Twp Representative for JV EMS Authority updated Board on the financial situation they are facing.

**Supervisor Reports:** Beal's Lake dock is on the docket for 2025.

Motion made by Hott; supported by Graham to adjourn at 9:25pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Kucharek, Clerk