

Echo Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025

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

April minutes reviewed by the Board. Motion by Hott to approve minutes; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Hott to approve payment of bills totaling \$29,309.98; supported by Petrie. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers: None

Public Comment: (1) Matt Gabris addressed the Board requesting a donation to the Central Lake fireworks fund. (2) Resident had attended South Arm Special Assessment meeting – asked about combining parcels for assessment as South Arm does. Special District Association has purchased two new grills for the Twp Park. (3) Twp Representative for JV EMS Authority, Tim Timmer, provided an update to the Board; reviewed their 2025/2026 Budget. New ambulance has been ordered – lengthy lead time. (4) Commissioner Scola will be alternating monthly meetings with Echo Twp and Warner Twp as they are held the same night and time. Updated Board and audience on Public Safety Center – Commissioner Chair will be meeting with Concerned Citizens regarding their concerns. Leslie Myers received a \$25,000 grant for flood study of Chain-O-Lakes; also received a grant for dam study. (5) Resident mentioned the new dock installed at Beal's Lake it is too short. (6) Resident asked about placing a sign at the corner of M-66 and Kidder Road, they do not own the land, it was suggested they reach out to the road commission.

New Business: (1) Motion by Petrie to accept Risk Reduction Grant for \$4,000 for parking lot lighting ; supported by Kucharek. Motion carried. (2) Motion by Graham to purchase lawn care equipment, supported by Petrie. Motion carried. (Clerk to reach out to Gil-Roy's regarding discounts on Stihl equipment for government entities.)

Discussion: (1) 2025 Audit scheduled for June 5th. (2) ARPA report filed April 25th. (3) EPB reimbursement submitted April 30th. (4) Filed additional paperwork regarding MI Unclaimed Property. (5) Information on registering for Property Fraud Alert to be added to website for Echo residents' convenience; this is a free service.

Correspondence: Reviewed correspondence.

Supervisor Reports: (1) Lawn care equipment needed for this year and next. (2) Port-a-john has been delivered to Twp Park. (3) Supervisor to contact Ralph Hines regarding removal of trees at Dunsmore and Morehouse cemeteries.

Motion made by Hott; supported by Graham to adjourn at 9:00pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kucharek, Clerk