

Echo Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025

Derenzy called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Derenzy & Kucharek. Four guests in the audience, with Comm Ray Scola arriving after attending the Warner Twp meeting. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

May minutes reviewed by the Board. Motion by Hott to approve minutes; supported by Petrie. 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 \$22,490.85; supported by Petrie. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (1) Matt Gabris mentioned he is the coordinator for the CL 4th of July Parade. If anyone is interested in participating in the parade he can be reached at (414) 391-6234. Bring canned food as a donation. The fireworks fund is approximately \$9,500 short of their \$25,000 goal. Will be having an "M-88 garage sale" June 14th with all proceeds dedicated to the fireworks. (2) Twp Representative for JV EMS Authority, Tim Timmer, provided an update to the Board; reviewed Budget. Fourteen candidates applied for Director's position – will begin interviews soon. (3) Commissioner Scola updated the Board and audience on Public Safety Center; providing information from the newly formed PSC Ad Hoc Committee. Proposed a \$27,000,000 project, financing \$18,000,000 for 20 years, and \$9,000,000 paid up front by the County. County has increased the millage rate to 5.3 – up from 5.2 mills in 2024, an increase of approximately \$1.3million in operating revenue. A construction management company will be hired. A lake level committee has been formed; Leslie Myers has scheduled a field trip for June 6th to view problems on the chain of lakes.

Unfinished Business: FEMA maps are still not completed – no further action until maps received from FEMA.

New Business: (1) Motion by Hott to deny donation for CL fireworks; supported by Kucharek. Roll call vote: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek and Derenzy all voted "aye." Motion carried. (2) Motion by Graham to reinvest \$225,000 from the General Fund in a CD; supported by Petrie. Roll call vote: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek and Derenzy all voted "aye." Motion carried. (3) Motion by Graham to invest \$100,000 from the Road Fund in a CD; supported by Petrie. Roll call vote: Hott, Graham, Petrie, Kucharek and Derenzy all voted "aye." Motion carried. (4) Motion by Hott to accept Mark DeKorne's resignation from BOR effective June 4, 2025; supported by Graham. Motion carried. (5) Motion by Graham to accept Alan Petrie's resignation as Board Trustee effective June 5, 2025; supported by Hott. Motion carried. (6) Motion by Derenzy to appoint Mark DeKorne as Board Trustee completing the term left vacant; supported by Kucharek. Motion carried. (7) Motion made by Kucharek to reschedule the September 3rd meeting to September 10th, same time, same place; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

Discussion: (1) 2025 Audit scheduled for June 5th. (2) MI Unclaimed Property was received – several deeds and survey was returned. (3) Reimbursement received regarding the November, 2024 Early Voting.

Correspondence: Reviewed correspondence.

Supervisor Reports: (1) Spoke to AC Road Commissioner regarding the guard rail on Kidder Road. The ice storm took extra funding that was planned on replacing the guard rail; it may be delayed until 2026. Asked about Old State Road and Kidder Road – Old State scheduled for 2029; Kidder could be before 2029. Thanked Road Commission for the quick response in taking care of a project near the Township Park. (2) Spoke to Under Sheriff regarding speed limit sign on Kidder Road as well as the black tire marks.

Motion made by Graham to adjourn at 9:05pm; supported by Hott. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kucharek, Clerk