

Echo Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2025

Derenzy called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present: Hott, Graham, DeKorne, Derenzy & Kucharek. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Supervisor Derenzy asked Trustee DeKorne to offer an opening prayer. Four guests in the audience.

August 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 Graham to approve Treasurer's report; supported by DeKorne. Motion carried.

Motion by Hott to approve payment of bills totaling \$13,251.57; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** (1) Undersheriff Lasater reviewed August Township report; provided Department update and spoke of recent drug bust from a traffic stop in Warner Twp. (2) Twp Representative for JV EMS Authority, Tim Timmer, provided an update to the Board; reviewed JV EMS budget and introduced Joel Yonkman as the new Director. (3) Joel Yonkman gave an overview of his work history as well as his vision(s) for the JV EMS Authority. (4) Commissioner Scola spoke re: 2026 budget; upcoming November election – Public Safety Center; recent county retirements/resignations.

**New Business:** (1) Motion by DeKorne to accept TAP Services proposal for installing a drop ceiling in the Township Hall with drop ceiling lights; supported by Graham. Motion carried. (2) Motion by Hott to amend the ESTA policy as presented; supported by DeKorne. Motion carried. (3) Clerk to contact Morrison Electric re: generator maintenance and to contact Arndt Electric to reposition the new parking lot lights.

**Discussion:** : (1) Audit – leave as is – will reword future audits. (2) Assessor – IRS Employee. (3) Blarney Castle waiving annual usage fees. (4) Parking Lot lights – reimbursement received and repositioning done on August 22nd. (5) HB 4706 (Revenue Sharing) provided to all members. If bill passes, it will be a huge financial loss to the Township. (6) Clerk spoke of several policies that are needed.

**Correspondence:** Reviewed correspondence.

**Supervisor Reports:** Captain's Choice to remove dock and buoys October 22nd.

Motion made by Hott to adjourn at 9:15pm; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Kucharek, Clerk