

<p style="text-align: center;">CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP 1499 E. HAMMET ROAD, HART, MI 49420 July 21, 2025 AT 6PM</p>	<b>APPROVED MINUTES</b>
<p>Supervisor L. Hyslop called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.</p> <p><b>Members Present:</b> L. Hyslop, C. Walker, K. Oomen, J. Stevenson, &amp; B. Seymour</p> <p><b>Guest Present:</b> 8</p>	<b>CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL</b>
<p>Motion by K. Oomen, Seconded by J. Stevenson, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the June 16, 2025.</p> <p><b>All Ayes - Carried</b></p>	<b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>
<p>Addition: Discussion of fireman's EKG under Fire Department section. Board agreed to include it under the Fire Department report.</p>	<b>CHANGES TO AGENDA</b>
None	<b>CITIZENS COMMENTS</b>
L. Hyslop reported receiving lots of communications this month, but none of it bad.	<b>COORESPONDENCE</b>
<p>Fire Chief reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on fireman's EKG test: Issue with completing EKG with All Access Care. B. Seymour clarified that the new fire hire may use other locations than Ludington (e.g., Shelby), if coordinated properly through All Access Care to ensure proper billing.</li> <li>L. Hyslop reported that he spoke with a firefighter (Leonard) about his idea to host a community get-together for fire department recruitment. L. Hyslop thought it was a phenomenal idea.</li> <li>One fire incident (structure fire) reported.</li> </ul>	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT</b>
<p>Zoning Administrator R. Smith reported (report on file):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One zoning permit issued.</li> <li>Three zoning permits closed.</li> <li>Incident: Bear attack killed a dog on Minke Rd. DNR notified to set traps.</li> <li>Inspection: Property at 1127 E. Jefferson (Cheryl Fox): Minor cleanup noted. Photos presented to the board. Will discuss further under Old Business.</li> </ul>	<b>ZONING REPORT</b>

<p>Clerk B. Seymour reported (letter of resignation is on file):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk, B. Seymour, submitted a formal letter of resignation, effective August 18, 2025. Offered to assist with training during transition, if agreeable wage and timeline can be reached.</li> <li>• L. Hyslop shared legal counsel's opinion regarding board's obligation and process for appointment.</li> <li>• After discussion, L. Hyslop made a motion to accept resignation, Seconded by K. Oomen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vote: K. Oomen, yes; J. Stevenson, yes; L. Hyslop, no; C. Walker, yes; B. Seymour, silent.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>3 Ayes – Majority, Nays – 1 – Carried</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b></p>
<p>L. Hyslop, asked all in favor of approving the payments say, aye. All board members said, aye.</p> <p>General Fund: \$16,111.28 Fire Operations Fund: \$4,500.11 Road Fund: \$18,130.21</p> <p><b>Bills approved for the month of July 2025.</b></p>	<p><b>REVIEW &amp; PAY BILLS</b></p>
<p>Treasurer C. Walker reported (report on file):</p> <p><b><u>June 2025 Financial Report</u></b> Beginning balance: \$464,985.79 Deposits: \$9,605.44 Bank interest: \$669.34 Disbursements: \$28,085.63 Bank Fees: \$20.00 Ending balance: \$477,154.94</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100,000.00 transferred to a Huntington CD.</li> </ul> <p>Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by K. Oomen, passing, Resolution to Impose and Collect the Property Tax Administration fee, perpetually until the township board change their mind.</p> <p><b>All Ayes - Carried</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p>

<p>Supervisor L. Hyslop reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessor's Audit Update:</b> State audit passed. Thanks, given to Mr. Beach and Ron for their efforts.</li> <li>• <b>MPSC Public Notice:</b> Public Notice from MI Public Service Commission regarding renewable energy plan. After calls and research, it appears Great Lakes Energy is seeking regulatory waivers, not establishing renewable energy infrastructure in the township.</li> <li>• <b>Claybanks Masterplan and Crystal Township's Progress:</b> The Crystal Township Planning Commission is in need of a chairman. Discussion about initiating a Master Plan Review (required every 5 years); L. Hyslop and J. Steveson are to meet up to review next steps.</li> <li>• <b>Cemetery Maintenance:</b> Buildings stripped and painted by L. Hyslop. Further fascia and eave work needed.</li> </ul>	<b>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT</b>
Roof repair cost discussed; decision delayed.	<b>OLD BUSINESS a) Roof Repair. 12X16 South Cemetery Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incomplete cleanup noted.</li> <li>• Health Department involvement discussion initiated.</li> <li>• Board discussed sanitation concerns and liability.</li> </ul> <p>Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by K. Oomen to allow R. Smith (Zoning Administrator) to give resident 30 additional days to show significant progress, with re-evaluation at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vote: K. Oomen, yes; J. Stevenson, yes; L. Hyslop, yes; C. Walker, no; B. Seymour, yes.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Ayes – Majority, Nays – 1 – Carried</b></p>	<b>OLD BUSINESS b) Cheryl Fox Property – 1127 E. Jefferson</b>
<p>A copy of the contract is on file.</p> <p>L. Hyslop noted initial rate hikes. After discussion with board, L. Hyslop suggested we request to negotiate a 3-year contract; along with no increase of 5% in 07/2026 and no increase of 5% in 07/2027, as shown in the contract.</p> <p>Motion by B. Seymour, Seconded by J. Stevenson, to amend and approve contract for 3 years; along with no increase of 5% in 07/2026 and in 07/2027.</p> <p><b>All Ayes – Carried</b></p>	<b>OLD BUSINESS c) Republic Waste Contract Agreement</b>
<p>Federal funding not awarded.</p> <p>Motion by L. Hyslop, Seconded by K. Oomen to close the Farm Road bank account and distribute notice to contributing farmland owners.</p> <p><b>All Ayes – Carried</b></p>	<b>NEW BUSINESS b) Farm Road/ BUILD Grant</b>

<p>R. Amstutz asked about a grant previously awarded for demolishing old buildings. L. Hyslop explained that although the township earned approximately \$190,000 and had five applicants, the project fell through at the county level.</p> <p>R. Amstutz also inquired about the grant for park improvements. L. Hyslop stated that a \$1 million grant application was submitted but denied due to missing a maintenance plan and didn't provide the proper verbiage on how people would access the park (skateboards, bicycles, cars, trucks, busses, etc.).</p> <p>P. Erickson expressed appreciation for L. Hyslop's efforts on Farm Road Project and the hope that parts of the project may still be used in the future.</p> <p>P. Erickson acknowledged the value of local agricultural work, highlighting the township's economic contribution—and the importance of rural townships like Crystal to the wider region.</p>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
<p>Motion by J. Stevenson, Seconded by L. Hyslop, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.</p> <p><b>All Ayes – Carried</b></p>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>