CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP	
1499 E. HAMMET ROAD, HART, MI 49420	
APPROVED MINUTES	
April 21, 2025 AT 6PM	
	
Supervisor L. Hyslop called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6pm.	
Pledge of Allegiance recited.	
Members Present: L. Hyslop, K. Oomen, J. Stevenson, & B. Seymour	CALL TO ORDER
Absent: C. Walker	ROLL CALL
Guest Present: Adam Herrera, Ron Smith, Dawn Riley, Chief Purdy, Lynn Gardner, Gary Gardner & Paul Erickson	
Moved by K. Oomen, Seconded by J. Stevenson to approve prior meeting minutes. • Prior Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2025	
Annual Budget HearingRegular Board Meeting	MINUTES APPROVED
Voice Vote - Motion Carried	AFFROVED
Changes to the agenda:	
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New Business	
 Oceana County Sheriff's Office – Flock System Providing a set of keys to Judy Kokx – leader of Crysal Valley Care Fund – to the Crystal Township Hall. 	CHANGES TO AGENDA
 D. Riley made a request – asking if we'd be willing to provide a set of keys to her sister to the Crystal Township Hall, Judy Kokx, the leader of the Crystal Valley Care Fund. D. Riley will be stepping down from her position in the club due to her working out of town when they hold their monthly meetings. The board approved Judy Kokx with a set of keys to the Hall. L. Hyslop congratulated P. Erickson for being the Man of the Year. 	CITIZENS COMMENTS
None	COORESPONDENCE
Moved by K. Oomen, Seconded by J. Stevenson to approve bills for each fund account.	
 General Fund: \$14,660.02 	
Fire Operations Fund: \$4,222.28	REVIEW & PAY BILLS
Cash Disbursements Subtotal: \$18,882.30	MOTION FOR APPROVAL
Voice Vote - Motion Carried	

1. Grass Truck Update

a. Estimate from: Axes Iron, 920 O'Malley Dr., Coopersville, MI 49404

b. Estimate Number: EP201000173

c. Total: \$137, 639.08

Final decision: Not proceeding as this time. The Supervisor and Fire Chief will reassess the fire department's needs during the preparation of the 2026-2027 budget.

2. Fire Barn Lighting

 a. L. Hyslop purchased, installed, and repaired the lights inside the fire barn.

3. Issuing the Crystal Valley Fire Department with a Credit Card

- a. All purchases must be pre-approved by Chief Purdy.
- All receipts must be submitted to the Clerk promptly to ensure accurate record-keeping and reconciliation with the credit card statement for payment.
- c. Spending allowance: \$500.00

Final decision: Moved by L. Hyslop, Seconded by J. Oomen to approve issuing a credit card to the Crystal Valley Fire Department for purchases under \$500.00.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator R. Smith reported the following (report was received and placed on file):

- Zoning Permits 3
- Zoning Permits Completed 1
- Attending: Open meetings Act Training on Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Attending: Intro to Planning & Zoning Class on Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Clerk B. Seymour reported the following:

- Sent "Thank you" notes to Crystal Township BOR Members
- Issued 48 Absentee Ballots to our permanent ballot voters
- Attending: Open meetings Act Training on Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Attending: Public Accuracy Test at the Crystal Township Hall for the May 6, 2025 election on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 12PM
- Attending: Stephanie Van Sickle will provide a brief training session covering the "end of day" duties on election days for our election workers after the Public Accuracy Test.

The following report was given to the board to review and placed on file:

Financials for March 2025

Beginning Balance: \$442,070.74 Cash Receipts: \$15,212.22 Bank Interest: \$614.59

Cash Disbursements: \$10,546.02

Bank Fees: \$20.00

Ending Balance: \$447,331.53

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

ZONING REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT

TREASUER'S REPORT

1. Cemetery Tree Removal

a. John Ruggles and Howard Gardner worked with L. Hyslop removing a tree that was hanging over the little white shed out in the cemetery.

2. Local MTA - CREO

- a. L. Hyslop attended the local MTA meeting and the topic of the CREO was invigorating.
- b. Potential for a big solar farm is going in Wear Township; Consumers Power.
- c. Looks like 80 or so townships and villages have filed a lawsuit again the state of Michigan opposing the two bills that were approved for the CREO last fall.
- d. Unsure if our Planning Commission finalized our CREO or not.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

3. Crystal Dam

a. The engineer that the county hired made a presentation to Egle and it's been received. The engineer thought it could take up to five or six months.

4. Planning Commission Update

a. Crystal Township's Planning Commission is looking for a new Chairperson.

Motion by L. Hyslop to vote roll call style to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution – Local.

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Oomen: yes; J. Stevenson: yes; L. Hyslop: yes; B. Seymour: yes; C. Walker: Absent.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: NONE

Roll Call Vote - Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS a)
Hazard Mitigation Plan
Adoption Resolution Local

Supervisor L. Hyslop presented the following:

Correspondence from the Oceana County Sheriff's Office is requesting Crystal Township of Oceana County to partner with us to trial Flock Safety in our community. They are offering a 90-day trial at no cost to us.

Flock Safety is a company that deploys license place recognition (LPR) cameras throughout communities in the U.S.A. to help deter, reduce and solve crime. They claim they are not video cameras, and only record still images of vehicles.

Flock Safety has mapped out placing 38 cameras strategically throughout Oceana County.

The cost after the 90-day trial? Year 1: \$3,650.00/per camera. If we continued after year one, the annual cost is \$3,000.00/per camera. No other cost. This includes installation, cellular service, batteries, etc.

They believe the months of June, July and August would be the best for the PPI period.

Final decision: The board decided to make a final decision next month.

For more information on Flock Safety, please click on the two blue hyperlinks labeled "Flock Safety".

Moved by J. Stevenson, Seconded by B. Seymour to move forward with American Classic Waste & Recycling for 1 year or less.

- 1. Start with 3-6 yarders. Changes can and will be made.
- 2. Service bi-weekly; April October, monthly in winter
- 3. Cost \$75 per dumpster, per tip
- 4. Mix (plastic/tin/carboard)
- 5. Containment Loads charge \$150 (diapers, food, trash)
- 6. Stickers will be placed on dumpsters for accepted material
- 7. One time delivery \$300 for dumpsters

Voice Vote - Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS a)
Flock Safety

NEW BUSINESS b)
Recycling with
American Classic Waste
& Recycling

ADJOURNMENT

K. Oomen asked L. Hsylop when was the next Oceana County Road Commission board meeting because the OCRC didn't do a good job on some of our local roads L. Hyslop responded that their meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10 AM. L. Hsylop also suggested contacting Renee Cutris by email and asking for assistance. Discussion continued. L. Hsylop asked D. Riley if she had any input for the Recycling project? D. Riley said she would do whatever we want. She suggested a workshop where everyone comes down and the community gets involved. Offer hotdogs – away from the dumpsters – of course. Discussion continued. L. Hyslop shared he was asked to take care of the diamond again at the park. Discussion continued. L. Hyslop asked P. Erickson if he had anything to report. P. Erickson provided some information on who voted on the Flock Safety Cameras in some of the local townships. K. Oomen asked if P. Erickson could explain a little how the Flock Safety cameras worked? P. Erickson provided everyone with an in-depth review on the Flock Safety **PUBLIC COMMENTS** cameras. Discussion continued. B. Seymour made a comment expressing that the camera system would be more useful if the county would get involved to assist financially instead of the townships paying for them. P. Erickson explained from what he's hearing, the county had \$5.3 million in APRA Funds they received a few years ago, and spent it on mental health and the jail nurse and were the biggest annual expenses out the APRA Fund money and will run through 2025. L. Hyslop challenged P. Erickson that the county had \$32 million based from attending the wrong meeting at the courthouse, and their auditor did a presentation on their audit and said they had three years' worth of money and they wouldn't have to collect another dime and they could pay all their bills. L. Hyslop also stated, the administrator, Terry Tracy, showed up the local MTA meeting and said she just approved the budget for \$14 million. So, his math says the county had \$32 million. P. Erickson replied that he'll dig into that and the problem is that all the money gets spent right up, and there were 50 to 60 requests that were canned after the APRA committee put the money into mental health and into the jail nurse. That money will be gone, but he'll look into it and see what the county has in the fund equity. But he doesn't think it's \$30 million.

Motion by K. Oomen, Seconded by J. Stevenson adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.