

CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP
1499 E HAMMETT ROAD HART, MI 49420

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2025

Supervisor L. Hyslop called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiants was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Hyslop, C. Walker, K. Oomen, J. Stevenson

ABSENT: B. Seymour

GUESTS PRESENT: 2

Motion by K. Oomen, Supported by J. Stevenson to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the July, 2025 meeting. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Republic Waste Agreement added to Agenda in Old Business.

There were no letters and communications to the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Purdy reported of the Departments need of a used pickup. He would be looking for a ¾ Ton. A discussion was held. Supervisor Hyslop stated he would inquire of our accountant if it would be allowable to use Fire Operations Funds for purchase of equipment such as a truck, if there weren't enough funds in the Fire Equipment Fund. This issue was tabled until the October, 2025 Board Meeting.

Chief Purdy submitted two invoices for hoses and connectors to the Board for approval.

Motion by K. Oomen, supported by J. Stevenson to approve invoices from Axes & Irons in the amount of \$1,284.30 for the Fire Department Hoses and connectors. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

ZONING REPORT: Zoning Administrator Smith issued 2 new Zoning Permits; there were 3 Permits completed from last month. He reported on many zoning updates.

CLERKS REPORT: L. Hyslop will report on this in New Business.

Review and Pay Bills:

Township Operations: \$12,096.91

Fire Operations: \$2,640.64

Total August 2025 Bills: \$14,737.55

Motion by K. Oomen, Supported by J. Stevenson to approved the August 2025 bills in the amount of \$14,737.55. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

C. Walker presented the Treasurer Report for the Month of July.

\$447,154.94 Beginning Balance

\$15,377.43 Cash Receipts

\$585.83 Bank Interest

\$30,024.27 Cash Disbursements

\$45.00 Bank Fees

\$433,048.93 Ending Balance

SUPERVISOR REPORT

L. Hyslop met with the Cemetery Sexton regarding a head stone that was put in the wrong place. He met with the Fire Department, Road Commission and the Zoning Administrator.

He interviewed several individuals for the open position of Township Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the ongoing junk issue on Jefferson Rd. The Zoning Administrator checked the property yesterday and there has been no further clean up. He will be speaking with Brian Monton this week on the final solution. This issue is tabled until the September meeting.

Republic Waste Agreement was discussed. They rejected our proposal for no price increase for the next two years. Their Agreement includes a 5% increase each year, for 2026 and 2027.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new clerk position was discussed. L. Hyslop received two resumes and two phone call inquiries. The only resume meeting qualified and accounting knowledge was from Trisha Kokx Marsh. Trisha was introduced to the Board. Discussion was held. Bethany Seymour has offered to train Trisha, at the rate of \$45.00 per hour. The rate is negotiable. It was also suggested by K. Oomen that Trisha consider appointing Bethany as her deputy until she gets settled in.

Motion by K. Oomen, supported by J. Stevenson to approve the appointment of Trisha Kokx Marsh to the Township Clerk position. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Township L-4029 was received.

Motion by J. Stevenson, supported by K. Oomen to approve the 2025 L-4029 for the Winter Tax Rates. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

The Budget Amendments for the 2025-2026 Budget will be completed at the September Meeting.

An increase in the Clerk's and Treasurer's Deputies hourly wage was presented with L. Hyslop suggesting the wage be increased to \$18.00 per hour.

Motion by J. Stevenson, supported by K. Oomen to approve the hourly wage increase for the deputies, at \$18.00 per hour. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

The Cemetery Maintenance fee was discussed. Tabled until the September meeting.

L. Hyslop suggested that two signs be made to update Cemetery Rules, specifically for disallowing any placement of head stones or any maintenance by the public.

Motion by K. Oomen, supported by J. Stevenson to purchase two signs for the cemetery in the amount not to exceed \$500.00.

Garbage Card fees will be discussed in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

C. Walker, Treasurer

Tuesday, August 19, 2025