

Township of Clinton
Lenawee County
172 W. Mich. Ave.
Clinton Township Hall

April 14, 2025 Clinton Township Board Meeting:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Murphy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members Present:

- Supervisor Murphy, Clerk Scott, Treasurer Kovalski, Trustee Couture, Trustee Greenleaf

Motion to Approve Minutes:

- Motion by Scott, seconded by Kovalski to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Guest Introduction and Citizens Present:

- James Strickland
- Sean McNatt
- Macy Dault
- Jeromy Zarko
- Dillon Howe
- Brian Webb
- Joseph McKelvie

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- A concern was raised regarding the hiring of the Ordinance Officer, specifically questioning whether a background check was conducted, and whether he would be carrying a firearm while serving in this role.

Township Response:

Mr. Scott is well known to the Board and has volunteered in many areas of the community, including the VFW, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Clinton Summerfest, the Christmas Parade, and work for Clinton United Church of Christ. He is a veteran and a retired federal officer who still holds valid law enforcement credentials and previously maintained a top-secret clearance for 28 years. The Board feels fortunate to have Mr. Scott assist with township ordinance enforcement. He will not be carrying a firearm in his official capacity and will work in cooperation with the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department if needed. His primary responsibility is to assist residents with property maintenance and cleanup.

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Treasurer's Report:

- Motion by Scott, seconded by Greenleaf to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Scott discussed issues with the current IT provider and recommended switching to Creek Enterprise out of Adrian.
- A vote was held to transition from VC3 to Creek Enterprise upon the contract's expiration on May 31, 2025.

Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Couture.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Couture, to accept the Clerk's Report.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Payment Approvals:

- Motion by Couture, seconded by Greenleaf to pay \$23,387.77 for the 101 Township bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Motion by Kovalski, seconded by Scott to pay \$3,366.94 for the 209 Riverside Cemetery bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Couture to pay \$30,300.53 for the 206 Fire bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

- Supervisor Murphy reported continued progress with residents who received blight letters from the township attorney.
- He discussed BEAD grants for fiber internet access and noted that both MEC and Comcast submitted bids.
- Information was shared about an upcoming toxic waste drop-off site for residents.

New Business:

1. Resolution for Clinton Township Board Policy:

Motion by Scott, seconded by Kovalski, to approve the Resolution for Clinton Township Board Policy.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

2. Resolution for Clinton Township Investment and Depository:

Motion by Scott, seconded by Greenleaf, to approve the Resolution for Investment and Depository.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

3. Resolution: Handbook for Elected Officials and Employees:

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Scott, to approve the Employee and Elected Officials Handbook.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

4. Resolution for Compensation for Ordinance Officer:

Motion by Kovalski, seconded by Greenleaf, to approve the Resolution for Compensation for the Ordinance Officer.

Clerk Scott abstained from voting.

Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention. Motion passed.

5. Blight Cleanup Letter added in Summer Tax Bill:

Supervisor Murphy is working on a blight cleanup letter to be included with the summer tax bill.

6. Computer Replacement Purchase:

Clerk Scott proposed purchasing new computers for the Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Supervisor, and Building Department, as the current systems won't support the Windows 11 update coming in October.

- The proposed budget is not to exceed \$10,000.
Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Scott, to approve the purchase.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

7. Purchase of International Code Books:

The Board discussed the need to purchase updated International Code Books for the Building Inspector at a cost of \$500.

Motion by Couture, seconded by Kovalski, to approve the purchase.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Following adjournment, Inspector Ed Ingles informed the Board that Tecumseh has agreed to contribute \$250 toward the cost.

8. Ordinance to Adopt International Property Maintenance Code:

Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Scott, to approve the Ordinance adopting the International Property Maintenance Code and its enforcement provisions.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting:

Date: May 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Clinton Township Hall, 172 W. Michigan Ave.

Website: www.twpofclinton.com

Minutes submitted by:

Kim Scott, Clerk