

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

July 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 Couture, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025, meeting.
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. **Motion passed.**

Guest Introduction and Citizens Present:

- Brad Heineman, James and Linda Strickland, Joseph McKelvie, Dennis Scott, Ed Engle, Mike Marsh, Frankie Mautone

Citizens' Concerns:

- Mr. Strickland inquired about follow-up on blight, internet access, and the SRM Quarry depth.
- Supervisor Murphy responded that blight and internet access would be addressed later in the meeting. Regarding the quarry, it was found that there is currently no set limit on how deep they can dig.

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 reported that four Planning Commission members are scheduled to attend the MTA Master Plan training in Brooklyn on Thursday, July 17. The cost is \$25 per person.
- Clerk Scott also requested pre-approval of \$200 for reserving to book a room when available.
- Motion by Couture to approve the \$200. Discussion followed, noting the cost may be higher.

- Motion by Couture, seconded by Greenleaf, to approve up to \$300 for a room for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to share for the September 2–3 training in Lansing.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed

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

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Payment Approvals:

- Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Scott, to pay \$15,087.65 for the 101 Township bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Motion by Couture, seconded by Kovalski, to pay \$4,266.75 for the 209 Riverside Cemetery bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

- Motion by Scott, seconded by Greenleaf, to pay \$36,015.25 for the 206 Fire bills.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

- Supervisor Murphy reported that he has been following up on the internet BEAD Grant, which is currently on hold by the government.
- He also provided updates on the status of various blight complaints.
- Supervisor Murphy noted that the Lenawee Road Commission assisted in addressing damage caused by Frontier in the Burwyn Hills Subdivision.

New Business:

1. The board discussed bids from Comcast, Creek Enterprise, and D&P for updating the township's phone system.
2. Motion by Scott, seconded by Couture, to proceed with the Creek Enterprise bid: \$1,200 for phones, \$300 for installation, and \$138 per month for phone service. The township will continue with D&P for internet and fax lines.
3. Discussion occurred regarding Aten Cemetery. The township received complaints about lack of maintenance. Township representatives, including Supervisor Murphy, Deputy Clerk Barb Merritt, and Don Merritt, recently mowed the cemetery. Legal research indicates the township cannot pay for maintenance of property it does not own, and no documentation has been found indicating township ownership.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Greenleaf, seconded by Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting:

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Website: www.twpofclinton.com

Minutes submitted by: Kim Scott, Clerk