

Antioch Township

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Officers:

Tom Williams, Supervisor
Darby Terpstra, Clerk
Kathy Soerries, Treasurer
Bruce Jewett, Trustee
Joseph Gardner, Trustee

Minutes---Regular Board Meeting May 7, 2026

Called to order: 7:00 PM

Present: Tom Williams, Darby Terpstra, Kathy Soerries, Bruce Jewett, Joseph Gardner

Absent: None

Guests/Public: Hope Edlin, Georgie Bump came and updated the board on the renewal millage on the August ballot and shared with us what the Commission on Aging does for the region. Allen Sherburne had questions about the subdivision going in across the road from him and wondered about the progress on the Blight. Dr. Ben Townsend stopped by to let us know about his running for State Representative and what he is up against.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to approve the agenda. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Joe, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Kathy brought forth the Treasurer Report, sharing the amount that was transferred from the tax account of \$6398 into the general fund from the 2025 tax season. She also shared the new rates available at Honor Bank and First National. Motion presented by Joe, seconded by Bruce, for Kathy to investigate the different rates and see if the Forest Area will rate match to roll over \$32,000 CD, and then take out \$30,000 from the general fund to either add or create a new CD. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Darby updated everyone on the upgrade from Inuit from QuickBooks Desktop Pro to QuickBooks Enterprise. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to pay for and switch the bookkeeping program from Desktop Pro to Enterprise. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Tom shared an offer to the townships about joining the BS&A Cloud, along with 5 other townships, to lower the costs of the cloud. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to accept the offer to join the BS&A Cloud membership pending other townships' support in joining. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Darby presented the financial report and the bills to be paid. Motion presented by Joe, seconded by Kathy, to accept the report as presented and to pay the bills. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to transfer \$15,000 from the general fund to payroll for the next six months. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Bruce gave an update on NWEA, sharing the number of calls attended in both Wexford and Grand Traverse County. He has end-of-year reports available to review. Bruce also shared that they have grant money coming in. Darby shared that the website is running and posted information about the elections and the Blight Ordinance.

Ben Townsend presented on behalf of the WJCP that Ranger Power has approached WJPC to amend the ordinance regarding the use of forest/agriculture-zoned land for an 1800-acre solar power farm. He explained to the board the process the WJCP has in place for this to move forward, and what Ranger Power can do to bypass this process using the State.

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Tom shared that the new date for the Fall Clean-up will be September 26, 2026. He presented the newsletter to go out with the tax notices. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to approve the newsletter as is.

Tom contacted Parshall and Green for quotes for tree cleanup around the township hall and cemetery from the ice storm, but they have yet to make it down or send a quote. Greens were called, but they haven't returned a call. Tony Elliot fixed the electrical in the hall but had to change out the lights since they were old and replaced them with LEDs.

Tom presented the Treasurer and Clerk Statutory Duties list and discussed what needs to be done with job shadowing. If whoever becomes deputy, they will shadow Kathy for taxes and Darby for bookkeeping, in case they would like to take those duties back in the future.

Motion presented by Darby, seconded by Bruce, to extend the offer of becoming Deputy Treasurer to Hope Edlin. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to amend the budget for line item 265-930 (Repairs) from \$1000 to \$3000. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to amend the budget for line item 276-725 (Ground Maintenance) from \$3500 to \$7000. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Tom presented that the cemetery signs and the township posts need to be repainted, and that the picnic table needs to be replaced. Darby was asked to get a quote to have Ben do those for us. Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Darby, to purchase an 8 ft. composite A-frame picnic table for up to \$1600. Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Tom shared that Linda notified him the appraisal program will be going up, and if we haven't already, we should be getting something in the mail regarding that.

Tom shared that the final paperwork for ARPA will be in 2028 – maybe.

Now that the desktop is obsolete, Tom will call Geek Squad about tech support for the laptops only. He also shared increasing the credit card limit from \$2000 to \$3000 to pay for the QuickBooks program.

Motion presented by Bruce, seconded by Kathy, to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor declared the motion carried.
Adjourned: 8:50 PM

Next regular meeting: June 4, 2026

_____, Supervisor

_____, Clerk