Rose Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
August 12, 2026

Location: 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Stilwell, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher
ABSENT: Miller

Motion by Treasurer Jobes to excuse Clerk Miller. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 4/0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Treasurer Jobes. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 4/0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes; Jobes – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 4/0.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

PRESENTATIONS

- Don Purdy - Board of Review
  The Board of Review met July 21, 2026 and considered ten items. The Board corrected a square-footage error from 2025, reviewed five recaps, approved one hardship exemption, denied two hardship exemptions, and continued a veteran exemption. Board of Review members plan to meet in September or October to review hardship exemption guidelines for possible recommendation to the Township Board.

- Dan Johnson - Michigan Department of Natural Resources Canada Goose/Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program
  This presentation was moved to New Business Item #4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration for Establishing Procedures for the Abatement of High Grass and Weeds and Recovery of Abatement Costs, Proposed Resolution 2026-XX

The Board discussed the proposed process for abating high grass and weeds and recovering Township costs. Township Attorney Delzer advised that an ordinance, rather than a resolution, would provide appropriate due process and stronger enforcement, including the ability to seek a court judgment and recover eligible abatement costs. The Board postponed the item so an ordinance can be prepared, and the required publication/public-hearing process can be followed.

No action taken.

2. Consideration of independent Third-Party Forensic Accounting Review

After implementing new financial processes, the board identified several areas of concern and discrepancies that warrant an independent, objective review of accounting processes and financial records. The board wants to tighten the process and be assured that they are doing all things right. The Board clarified that the immediate action would authorize solicitation of proposals, not engagement of a forensic accounting firm.

Public Comments: agreement that it is a good idea to be sure things are in order; benefits the board to know that everything is on the up and up. Resident requested whether an audit would include previous and current board.

> **Motion by Treasurer Jobes to authorize the Township administration to solicit proposals from qualified, independent third-party forensic accounting firms to conduct a forensic review of Township financial records, including, but not limited to, payroll, general ledger entries, bank reconciliations, check-signing practices, and Special Assessment District accounts. The purpose of the review shall be to independently identify and document any discrepancies, accounting irregularities, internal control weaknesses, or other financial matters requiring attention, and to provide the Township Board with written findings and recommendations. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Stilwell – yes; Jobes – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes. The motion was carried 4/0.**

3. Fenton Tigers Travel Baseball – Request to Terminate Land Use Contract

The Board considered Fenton Tigers Travel Baseball's request to terminate its land-use contract for the baseball fields at 200 W. Rose Center Road (Civic Park). The organization will maintain the fields throughout the remainder of 2026. The Township Attorney noted that the existing five-year agreement does not contain an early-termination clause. The board was in agreement that lack of a termination clause did not preclude the board's approval to terminate the contract. The Board also discussed future plans for Civic Park and the Township's responsibility for maintaining the property if the agreement is terminated.

Public Comments: questions regarding plans to use it next year and any exclusive use; comment that it's unfair to break the contract without a partial fee, a percentage of the annual maintenance costs; comment that business contracts have a termination clause, but this is baseball – let's not get started on the wrong foot

> **Motion by Trustee Maher to accept Fenton Tigers Travel Baseball's request to terminate the Land Use Contract dated March 15, 2023, for the use of the baseball fields located at 200 W. Rose Center Road and authorize the Township Supervisor and**

Township administration to execute any documents necessary to formally terminate the agreement, subject to review and approval by the Township Attorney and compliance with any applicable contractual requirements. Supported by Treasurer Jobes. A roll call vote was taken. Maher – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Jobes – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 4/0.

4. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Canada Goose/Mute Swan Nest and Egg Destruction Program (2027-2031), Proposed Resolution 2026-XX

   Dan Johnson presented background on the Canada goose and mute swan nest and egg destruction program at Tipsico Lake and requested renewal of Township authorization for another five-year period. The Township Attorney requested current MDNR documentation confirming the Township's role and requirements before recommending action. Board members also requested information showing the level of support among Tipsico Lake residents. \

   Public Comments: does the Township keep records and minutes that contain requirements of the DNR (Attorney Delzer stated that laws change and current evidence is required); was there a request and vote from residents?

   No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments included concerns and suggestions regarding the proposed high-grass ordinance, including treatment of agricultural property, fields intentionally allowed to grow, roadside ditches/cattails, seasonal grass growth, and consistent enforcement. A resident cited current MDNR website language concerning local-government approval for nest and egg destruction permits. A resident also thanked the Board for the July Neighbor-2-Neighbor meeting.

REPORTS

- Clerk/Cemetery
  - Voter turnout for the Primary election was 37.6%
  - Mr. Stern is home from the hospital

- NOCFA – Stilwell
  - 797 calls for service YTD; average 3.9 calls/day; projected annual calls for 2026 = 1,433
  - New ambulance delivery expected in October 2026
  - Three new full-time FF/Paramedics have joined NOCFA
  - Annual promotion process completed, filling several positions
  - Union contract has been ratified; NOCFA board authority has accepted the contract
  - I-75 fatal crash – keep our men and women and the families in your prayers
  - Water rescues – responded the three water rescue incidents in July; working with Oakland County and regional teams

- Trustee Bourdeau / N2N / HAYA / Library
  - July N2N – lots of new people; positive feedback; expanded email list
  - Aug 26 N2N – will have a presentation on proposed designs for Civic Park improvements. There will be two additional presentations at future meetings
  - HAYA – working toward a contract

- RCOC – will present an information meeting regarding the Dixie Hwy. project; one of the areas of impact will be Davisburg Road
- Library – will be conducting a coffee meeting with local candidates on the November 3 ballot (for those interested in Holly Twp and Village)
- ZBA – not meeting

- Trustee Maher / NoHaz / Heritage Committee
  - The Heritage Committee participated in an Oakland County historical celebration
  - Cemetery Committee – removed large tree and debris; neighbor no longer allowing them to put debris on their property and the dumpster is not large enough; need a new plan for debris
  - NoHaz – 860 residents came through; 7 came to mini event the night before; next collection is Sep 12; will hold a mini event on Sep 11 from 3-5 in the parking lot at the Township Offices
  - Mill Pond – nothing to report

- Treasurer / Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals
  - Collecting taxes and distribution money
  - Processes going well
  - Will be at the County tomorrow; the County is making decisions about systems
  - Thanked deputy clerk for assisting with website update
  - New account processes – will ask for everyone's comments on the new warrant process at the Monday meeting
- Parks and Recreation – Stilwell
  - Come to N2N in August and give input

- Attorney
  - Will review information from the DNR and will look at the resolution

- Supervisor
  - Permits issued: 12 building, 8 electrical, 8 mechanical, 4 plumbing
  - GovWell (online permitting process) implementation continues; treasurer has established a secure process for deposits and refunds
  - Code enforcement – 27 complains and 33 inspections
  - Planning & Zoning – declined Bone Road setback variance on July 7
  - Planning Commission meet Aug 13 regarding the Master Plan Sub-Area; their recommendation will come to the board
  - Projects – continuing to work on the Civic Center park concept; continuing evaluation and planning for an LED sign at Dearborn Park and other Township signs; continuing improvements to Township administrative and financial procedures

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Stilwell adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by: Diane Hill, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary