Rose Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026

Location: 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Stilwell, Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Request to add New Business, Item #5 – Update to Master Plan for the Sub-Area at Hickory Ridge and Rose Center Roads

Motion by Trustee Maher to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business, Item #5. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A voice vote was taken. All present votes yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Clerk Miller. A roll call vote was taken. Miller – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes; Jobes – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 5/0

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

PRESENTATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment to Chapter 10, Article II, Sec 10-37 Schedule of Fees and Charges, Cemeteries, Proposed Resolution 2026-05

   The purpose of this proposed amendment is to remove fees from the ordinance and allow future changes by resolution.

   Public Comment – None

   ROSE TOWNSHIP
   OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
   RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

   A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ROSE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE, Chapter 10, Article II, Sec 10-37 Schedule of Fees and Charges, Cemeteries

WHEREAS, the Rose Township Board is authorized to manage and regulate Township cemeteries pursuant to applicable Michigan law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds it necessary and appropriate to establish clear policies regarding cemetery fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend its Cemetery Ordinance to provide for the establishment, maintenance, and amendment of a schedule of fees and charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rose Township Board hereby amends Chapter 10, Article II, Sec 10-37 Schedule of Fees and Charges, Cemeteries: Cemetery Fees and Charges

(a) The Township Board shall maintain a schedule of fees and charges applicable to Township cemeteries, including but not limited to fees for burial spaces, interment services, disinterment, foundations, and other cemetery-related services.

(b) The schedule of fees and charges shall be adopted by resolution of the Township Board and shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

(c) The Township Board may amend the schedule of fees and charges from time to time by resolution.

(d) All cemetery fees and charges shall be paid in advance to Genesee Valley Vault unless otherwise authorized by the Township Board or its designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other provisions of the Cemetery Ordinance not inconsistent with this amendment shall remain in full force and effect**.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Treasurer Jobes to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Sec 10-37 Schedule of Fees and Charges, Cemeteries, Proposed Resolution 2026-05. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Bourdeau- yes; Miller – yes; Maher – yes; Stilwell – yes; Jobes – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

2. Amend Cemetery Fees, proposed Resolution 2026-06

The updated fee schedule reflects adjustments from the service provider. The Township did not make these increases.

Public Comment: None

ROSE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2026-06
RESOLUTION AMENDING CEMETERY FEES

WHEREAS, the Rose Township Board of Trustees has adopted Ordinance Number 139 authorizing

amending cemetery fees and regulations by a 2/3 majority vote of the board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following fees and changes are adopted by the Rose Township Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amended fees and charges will take immediate effect.

SCHEDULE OF CEMETERY FEES AND CHARGES

Services	Fees & Charges	
	Resident	**Non- Resident**
Rights of Burial		
Babyland	$150	$150
Infant	$150	$150
Adult	$400	$600
Cremains (Adult)	$400	$600
No charge on 2nd Rights of Burial in same plot. (except Genesee Valley Vault opening/closing fees)		
Openings & Closings (By Genesee Valley Vault, Inc.)		
Burials	$700	$700
Burials - Saturday	$800	$800
Burials - Sunday & Holiday	$1,100	$1,100
Cremations	$350	$350
Cremations - Saturday	$450	$450
Cremations - Sunday & Holiday	$750	$750
Miscellaneous Services		
Grave Location	$100	$100
Removals & Vault Openings	$700	$700
Foundations		
$.60 per square inch or a minimum charge of $150	Min. charge $150	Min. charge $150
Transfers (per plot)	$100.00	$100.00

Motion by Clerk Miller to approve the cemetery fees as presented, Proposed Resolution 2026-06. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Stilwell – yes; Miller – yes; Jobes – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Maher – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

3. Authorization to Transfer $450,000 from the Fire Fund to the General Fund as Repayment of Prior Loan, Proposed Resolution 2026-07

This proposed transfer represents repayment/adjustment of a prior funding arrangement. The board clarified that the original transfer to the Fire Fund was not a loan (as incorrectly stated in the agenda item) but a prior budget adjustment. The funds remain township-controlled, and no grant funds were included in the original transfer into the Fire Fund. The goal is to better account for township finances and fund balances. The attorney confirmed that the transfer from the Fire Fund into the General Fund is allowed.

Public Comment: potential that the initial transfer may have contained grant funds (it was confirmed that no grant funds were transferred to the Fire Fund)

Resolution 2026-07
ROSE TOWNSHIP
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAYMENT OF PRIOR FIRE FUND LOAN TO GENERAL FUND
WHEREAS, the Rose Township Board of Trustees is responsible for the fiscal management of Township funds; and
WHEREAS, the Township previously advanced $450,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund to support operational needs, as documented in the June 8, 2022 Board Meeting; and
WHEREAS, under Michigan Compiled Laws 41.801, the Township Board is authorized to make transfers or loans between funds when necessary and appropriate; and
WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the current financial condition of the Fire Fund and General Fund and determined that the Fire Fund is in a position to repay the prior advance; and
WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that repayment of the prior loan is in the best interest of proper accounting, fiscal responsibility, and maintaining transparency in Township financial operations;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the transfer of **$450,000 from the Fire Fund to the General Fund** as full repayment of the prior advance made from the General Fund; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to make all necessary budget amendments and accounting entries to reflect this repayment; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this transfer and repayment is made in accordance with Michigan law and the Township Board's determination of fiscal necessity; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

> **Motion by Treasurer Jobes to transfer $450,000 from the Fire Fund to the General Fund as repayment of a prior transfer and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to make all necessary budget amendments and accounting entries to implement this transfer, Proposed Resolution 2026-07. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Maher – yes; Bourdeau – yes; Miller – no; Jobes – yes; Stilwell – yes. The motion was carried 4/1.**

4. Resolution Opposing house Bills 5529-5532 and House Bills 5581-5585 Regarding Local Municipal Zoning Authority, 2026-09

Supervisor Stilwell expressed concern over loss of local zoning control and impact on rural character. If enacted, these bills would override local zoning and establish smaller lot sizes and home sizes. The board shared their concerns over the proposed bills.

Public Comment: None

RESOLUTION 2026-09
ROSE TOWNSHIP
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILLS 5529–5532 AND 5581–5585 REGARDING LOCAL MUNICIPAL ZONING AUTHORITY

Whereas, at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of Rose Township, held at the Rose Township Hall on the eighth day of April 2026, the following resolution was offered by Maher and supported by Bourdeau; and
WHEREAS House Bills 5529–5532 and 5581–5585 (hereinafter the "Bills") have been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives; and
WHEREAS, the Bills have been referred to committees of the Michigan House of Representatives for consideration; and
WHEREAS the Bills would, if enacted into law, impose new requirements for studies and documentation for site plan review that would circumvent established local planning processes; and
WHEREAS, the Bills would restrict minimum home square footage requirements, thereby placing additional pressure on local infrastructure, including water and sewer capacity; and
WHEREAS, the Bills would modify parking and mobile home requirements, disrupting decades of planning reflected in Rose Township's current zoning and Master Plan developed with community input; and
WHEREAS the Bills would restrict the Township's authority to regulate spacing between residential homes; and
WHEREAS the Bills would permit duplexes on parcels currently zoned for single-family residential use; and
WHEREAS Michigan law has traditionally delegated zoning authority to local municipalities, including townships; and
WHEREAS local communities are best positioned to determine appropriate land use, plan orderly development, and adopt zoning regulations; and
WHEREAS local communities are best able to evaluate infrastructure capacity to ensure responsible growth; and
Whereas local communities must retain the ability to balance development with the health, safety, and welfare of current and future residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of Trustees of Rose Township hereby opposes the passage of Michigan House Bills 5529–5532 and 5581–5585 on the grounds that local municipalities are best suited to regulate zoning in the interest of their residents; and
BE FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to all state legislators representing residents of Rose Township; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is severable and if any provision is found invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

> **Motion by Trustee Maher to oppose House Bills 5529-5532 and House Bills 5581-5585 regarding Local Municipal Zoning Authority, Proposed Resolution 2026-09. Supported by Trustee Bourdeau. A roll call vote was taken. Stilwell – yes; Miller – yes; Maher – yes; Jobes – yes; Bourdeau – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

5. Update to Master Plan for the Sub-Area at Hickory Road and Rose Center Roads

Treasurer Jobes stated that the Planning Commission reviewed 5-acre vs. 10-acre parcel options and recommended moving forward with primarily 10-acre parcels. A supporting board vote tonight will initiate the 42-day public comment and review period. The draft Master Plan will also be sent to appropriate surrounding agencies for their review and comment.

Clerk Miller read highlights from the Planning Commission meeting regarding their discussion of the draft plan and subsequent action to forward it to the Township Board.

Supervisor Stilwell stated that the draft plan received tonight could change before approval based on public comment during the 42-day period and a public hearing which will be held after the comment period has closed.

Public Comment: a resident requested clarification regarding the public comment period.

> **Motion by Treasurer Jobes authorize the distribution of the draft aster Plan for the public review period. Supported by Trustee Maher. A roll call vote was taken. Stilwell – yes; Maher – yes; Jobes – yes; Miller – yes; Bourdeau – yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

The draft plan will be available at the office and online for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Springfield Township resident gave an update on opposition efforts to the proposed mining operation in Springfield Township and invited participation in an upcoming event, purchase of signs, and option to sign a petition expressing opposition.

Resident raised concerns regarding data centers, AI-related infrastructure, and need for township communication and policy clarity.

REPORTS

Clerk Miller

- Election preparations underway; absentee applications ordered.
- Cemetery maintenance ongoing

NOCFA – no meeting; no report

Trustee Bourdeau

- HAYA is accepting nominations for outstanding students – applications are on website
- If you shop at Kroger, you can sign up for Community Rewards and HAYA will receive funds bases on your purchases (this will not affect your purchase or points)
- Working with Deputy Supervisor to establish a contract for HAYA use of CDBG funds
- Neighbor-2-Neighbor – participation has dropped; finding ways to promote; encouraged people to post the meeting date on the social media
- Holly Township Library is holding informational meetings regarding becoming a District Library
- ZBA did not meet

Trustee Maher

- NoHaz event on April 18; he will have his truck at the Township Offices on Friday, April 17, from 3pm-5pm for a mini collection event (small items only until his truck is full)
- Heritage Committee – no report
- Mill Pond – the petition drive was successful; it is awaiting the decision of the County Board of Commissioners; if approved, the Village of Holly will conduct a lake level study; from there the courts for funding (how to fund)

Treasurer Jobes

- Tax settlement submitted; awaiting county response
- Stated that it was nice working with Laura, Debbie, Diane, Brad and others on processes today
- Continued review of the of the different Township funds and their use

Supervisor Stilwell

- Building Department activity increasing with seasonal change – 4 building permits; 8 electrical inspections; 2 mechanical inspections; 0 plumbing inspections
- Clean-Up Day is May 2 – residents can bring up to 4 tires, steel, wood, etc.

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Stilwell adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.