

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
AUGUST 20, 2025
REGULAR MEETING**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Dan Woodske, Supervisor Bryan Wright, Supervisor Jim Bouril, Manager Mark Taylor, Recreation Director/Assistant Manager Lauren Doyle, Solicitor Shannon Steele, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Woodske called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Police Chief Eric Hermick, and Edward Trziak of KLH Engineers attended, along with Heather Matheny, Manager of the Township library, who distributed library statistics and thanked the Supervisors for their continued support of the library programs. She said the library has been very busy and added that with the support of the Supervisors, the librarians are able to do wonderful things for the community.

MINUTES

Chairman Woodske had the following minutes for review:

1. July 9, 2025 Supervisors' Combined Agenda/Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

MR. BOURIL MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

There were no other minutes to be acknowledged this month.

REPORTS

Chairman Woodske had the following reports for review:

1. Financial Report
2. Police Department Report
3. Road Report
4. Wage Tax/OPT Report
5. Real Estate Tax Report
6. Zoning Report
7. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
8. Fire Report
9. Recreation
Lauren Doyle said that this year's summer camp program went very well. She will provide a summary report at a later date.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Taylor had the following items listed on the agenda for discussion:

1. 2025 Road Program Bid Award to Youngblood Paving, Inc. - \$107,304:

Manager Taylor said that at the bid opening at last week's meeting, Youngblood Paving, Inc. had the lowest bid at \$107,304. Russell Standard submitted the second bid. It was \$109,671.00. The Manager said that the bid was awarded to Youngblood Paving, Inc., he moved ahead, signed everything, forwarded it, and work will be scheduled soon.

2. Letter from Valley Waste:

The Solicitor had no issues with Valley Waste's suggestion to use Jordan Services for filing liens instead of the Township having to do this. Manager Taylor said that he is in favor of this plan and Jordan has been successful in other communities. He asked for authorization to sign and start this process. A resolution will be needed later.

MR. BOURIL MOVED TO DIRECT THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS TO ALLOW LIENS TO BE HANDLED BY VALLEY WASTE/JORDAN SERVICES. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

3. Appointment of Brian Sprinker to the Zoning Hearing Board:

Manager Taylor apologized and made a correction regarding the Zoning Hearing Board needing to appoint a third member at this time. He said that although the Board is not in need of a regular member, he would like to see Brian Sprinker added as an alternate at this time, as another member may resign at the end of his term. As an alternate, Brian Sprinker would not be permitted to vote, but he could attend the meetings and learn what the Board does. He had attached an e-mail from Mr. Sprinker requesting to be on this Board to the agenda for the Supervisors to read and feels he would be a great addition to the group.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPOINT BRIAN SPRINKER AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. Mr. Bouril seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Woodske had the July bills for review.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE payment of the July bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bouril, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

None.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

The Supervisors asked Chief Hermick to explain why he feels that Officer Nye should be moved from a part-time position with the Township to a full-time position. The Chief said that Officer Nye presently works 35 to 39 hours per week. Chief Hermick would like to stabilize the department as they are struggling to find new employees. Chairman Woodske said that he may be eligible for grant monies of \$125,000 that the Township already receives. The Chief said to draw from this he would have to be a new employee hired full-time.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE OFFICER NYE FOR A FULL-TIME POSITION STARTING ON JANUARY 1, 2026. MR. BOURIL SECONDED THE MOTION AND WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Woodske adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for September are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th, at 10 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman