CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
of the
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 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 Dan Woodske called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

Chief Hermick, Rod Reeder, Larry Ryan, and Jeff Davis attended.

Mr. Davis voiced concerns regarding obstructed vision while driving due to overgrown bushes in the Piper Drive area. He said that making a left-hand turn there is getting to be difficult so he took a video of the problem. Manager Taylor said that he will check into this matter. Mr. Davis also had questions about changing the speed limit on Darlington Road from 35 to 25 in the area of the municipal building because he feels 35 mph is too fast. Manager Taylor said this would have to be done by ordinance and Solicitor Steele said that a traffic study would have to be done. Chief Hermick said by statute the speed limits are 55 & 35 in PA. Manager Taylor said that he did not know if the Township would be permitted to make it lower on a throughfare like Darlington Road. Mr. Wright said that perhaps the police could be asked about additional patrolling.

MINUTES

Chairman Woodske had the following minutes for review:

1. August 12, 2026 Supervisors' Agenda Meeting
2. August 19, 2026 Supervisors' Regular Meeting

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

MR. BOURIL MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12TH AND AUGUST 19TH. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged the minutes of the following meeting:

1. July 14, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

REPORTS

Mr. 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

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

1. Len Subdivision:

   Manager Taylor said this is a simple subdivision off of Braden School Road and Mannal Street where the properties run all the way across. He said that the Planning Commission recommended approval contingent on a few items being completed. He said that he spoke to the surveyor and he should get the final drawing by the end of the week so he recommends approving this subdivision contingent on any outstanding items being handled.

   MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEN SUBDIVISION WITH CONTINGENCIES. Mr. Bouril seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

2. Request from Fire Department to Purchase New Firetruck:

Manager Taylor explained that the present firetruck is 25 years old and there has been lots of maintenance on it. This will be a multi-use truck. The total cost will be $1,230,000.00. He said the Township had anticipated this purchase and we do have a fund for this. The Fire Department will pay $200,000 toward the purchase. Manager Taylor said that although a few clarifications need to be made, he recommended that we move forward with this purchase before the interest rate rises.

MR. WRIGHT MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRETRUCK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTING $200,000 TO THE PURCHASE AND THE TOWNSHIP PUTTING IN $450,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND. Mr. Bouril seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

Chairman Woodske reminded everyone one that this process will take approximately 36 months. He said to keep the present truck up and running the cost was $180,000.

3. Police Contract Addendum:

Manager Taylor explained that this involves promotions within the Police Department and has to do with different ranks of Patrolman/ Corporal/ Sergeant/ Chief. He said they asked the police for a two-year extension on the contract and they agreed to this and signed off on this. Twelve-hour shifts will begin in January. This will be done on a trial basis to see if they want to continue to do this. Either party can decide whether to continue on the twelve-hour schedule. He said that the police have signed their portion of the contract addendum so it is ready for the Supervisors to vote on the matter if they wish.

MR. BOURIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE CONTRACT ADDENDUM. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Woodske had the August bills for review.

MR. WRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE AUGUST BILLS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bouril, and with no further discussion the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS

Solicitor Steele said she filed the tax assessment appeals for three parcels for the Township. Manager Taylor said that the date is September 29th and the Solicitor said that he needs to attend this meeting. She said that it shouldn't take long because she put on there that the exemption for municipal purposes.

She said that the individual who made 10 right-to-know requests has now submitted an additional one so she asked for an extension for review.

There was then discussion about contract bonding vs. certificates of financial security. A sliding scale was suggested by Mr. Wright.

SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT/MEETING DATES

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chairman Woodske adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The scheduled meeting dates for October 2026 are: Agenda Meeting: Wednesday, October 14th, at 10 a.m.; Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

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Secretary Chairman