

**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Fred Lindsey.

Board members present: Fred Lindsey, Diane Bissonette - Treasurer, Amy Lake - Clerk, Brandon Watson - Trustee and Annette Chalmers - Trustee.

Before the agenda was approved, Lindsey requested adding a letter received from Black Dog Community Mobility Foundation. With this item added to the agenda, as D, under new business, Watson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Chalmers. All in favor.

Prior to approving the minutes of the December 9th meeting, the recording secretary indicated a correction needed to be made. The "next meeting date" was written as January 9, 2026 and should have been January 13, 2026. With the correction being made, motion was made by Lake and seconded by Watson to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025 meeting. All in favor.

Correspondence: Township IT advised the supervisor that the fire department computer needs to be upgraded and can be done remotely. The computer for the deputy clerk needs to be replaced.

Some folks have mentioned to the supervisor that the notices in the box in front of the township hall, housing meeting dates, etc., need to be updated.

Bissonette is still working with FEMA regarding reimbursement for ice storm expenditures. Potential compensation is \$29,000.00.

No public comment.

Clerk report: Lake reported the disbursement of 27 checks in the amount of \$12,064.09 from the general fund and the disbursement of 14 checks in the amount of \$11,967.65 from the fire department fund.

Treasurer report: Bissonette reported the ending fund balance for all funds at \$268,156.80. Diane also reported revenue sharing income of \$44,000.00 received.

No supervisor report.

No sheriff report.

Fire Chief Moll reported two calls for service. An officer meeting and a training meeting were held. FF Dan Vidolich has completed more than half of his training and is working very hard. Captain Frank Mikolajczak and Training Officer Cochran are attending fire instructor class.

Zoning Administrator Ron Palmquist reported one nuisance violation and zero permits for the month. Totals for 2025 show 52 permits issued, 8 zoning violations and 12 blight violations.

The Planning Commission met on December 16, 2025. Nico Tucker from NEMCOG presented a draft copy of the new Greenwood Township Master Plan. Palmquist suggested a few changes. After these changes are made, the Plan is tentatively scheduled to be brought before the township board for final approval at their next meeting on February 10, 2026.

There was no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Lindsey read the assessor report.

Commissioner McCauley reported the County Board of Commissioners conducted their organizational meeting on January 13, 2026, with Chuck Varner as Chair, McCauley as Vice-Chair, Ted Handrich, Joe Breau and Jackie Bondar as Commissioners. The Road Commission also held their organizational meeting this month.

No report from Steiner Museum. Dave Sanderson has shown interest by attending some of their meetings.

Old Business: Clerk Lake wanted further discussion on the purchase of a vehicle for the zoning administrator. This was voted on at the December meeting, and passed, but Lake said there should have been a roll call vote because the supervisor was requesting the board to approve \$10,000.00. She suggested there was not enough information and questioned the zoning administrator why he felt there was a need for this purchase. Palmquist said sometimes he needs to use a two track to access a property and his personal vehicle gets scratched. Bissonette motioned, with a second from Chalmers, to have further discussion on this at the budget meeting, and vote at the next township board meeting. All agreed.

Bissonette motioned, with a second from Lake, to accept the resignation of Patrick Byle as representative from Steiner Museum. Bissonette suggested the board send a letter of appreciation. All in favor.

New Business: Bissonette motioned to accept the 2026 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines as presented. Lindsey seconded. All in favor. This Guideline is updated by the state and used by the Board of Review.

Lindsey motioned, with a second by Lake, to accept the following members of the 2026 Board of Review for Greenwood Township: Tim Flanigan, Connie Ellstone, Dave Sanderson, and Jerald Lundberg. All in favor.

Motion made by Chalmers, with a second by Bissonette to set the budget meeting for Friday January 30, 2026 at 12:00pm at the township hall. All in favor.

The township received a request from Black Dog Mobility Project for a letter of support. The following is their Project Overview: "Black Dog Community Mobility Foundation (BDCMF) is developing a county supported rural mobility program designed to address critical transportation gaps affecting vulnerable residents in Montmorency County and surrounding northern Michigan communities. The initiative will provide safe, reliable, demand-responsive transportation for individuals who face significant barriers to mobility, particularly during periods of severe weather and limited regional transit availability." This letter of support will assist BDCMF in grant writing applications. Motion made by Bissonette, with second by Watson, to support this endeavor with a letter from the board. All in favor.

No Public comment.

Comments from board: Watson questioning whether there may be other uses for the vehicle for the zoning administrator, if purchased. Others indicated it could be used if an employee or board member needed to make a run to town.

Motion to adjourn by Lake, second by Bissonette. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next meeting will be on February 10, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Podzikowski
APPROVED MINUTES 01/13/2026