

Portland Township
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The Portland Township board met on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at the Portland Township Hall at 6pm for the end of the year fiscal meeting.

Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

All board members were present.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

There were no public comments.

Assessor Kohagen gave his monthly report; the March Board of Review meetings went well.

Zoning Administrator Schneider was not present.

Treasurer Schneider noted the end of the fiscal year balance. There was one fire run for last month, nonbillable. Delinquent tax bills are being sent out.

The board discussed the Grand River Property with Mr. Sandborn. The recycle site and options for the Township Hall are being evaluated.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Kerekes to approve the balanced budget of 986,285.85 for the fiscal year 2026-2027. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

A resolution was offered by Treasurer Schneider and seconded by Trustee Simon to hold the depositories listed for Portland Township funds; Huntington Bank, Independent Bank, Portland Federal Credit Union, Union Bank and MSU Federal Credit Union. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Simon and seconded by Treasurer Schneider to hold the Township board meetings for the fiscal year 2026-2027 on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm on the following dates; 2026-April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, 2027- January 19, February 16, March 16, and March 23rd. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried. Any change in meeting dates will be posted at the Township Hall or noted on the Township's website/Facebook.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Simon to retain the 1 mill levy for the road tax, seconded by Trustee Kerekes. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

A resolution was offered by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Kerekes to levy the maximum allowable millage under Headlee for operating. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Supervisor Jensen is meeting with the Materials Management team on March 25th to discuss the recycle site plan.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2026 brine application agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2026 Gradall agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the 2026 gravel agreement with the Ionia County Road Commission covering the recommended gravel application for the 4.5 miles on Goodwin Rd. seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the 25% total cost for Portland Township for the limestone application on Cutler Rd with the Ionia County Road Commission and Danby Township seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the 2026/2027 Pama Budget (approved 3/18/26) seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to amend the 2026/2027 budget effective 4/1/26 to increase the Treasurer salary by \$2,000 and the Clerk salary by \$1,000 seconded by Trustee Kerekes. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Trustee Kerekes motion to approve all expenditures through to the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2026 seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 6:51 pm seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk