

Portland Township
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The Portland township board met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Portland Township Hall for the February 2026 board meeting.

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

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

All board members were in attendance except Trustee Simon. Supervisor Jensen motioned to excuse Trustee Simon seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

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

Resident Vanderske questioned the recent scraping of the gravel roads widening them further than normal. Supervisor Jensen will contact the Ionia County Road Commission.

Assessor Kohagen noted the 2026 March Board of Review dates; Organizational meeting- Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:00pm. Tuesday, March 10th 9a-12n and 1p-4p. Wednesday, March 11th 2p-5p and 6p-9p. It was noted that alternate BOR member Aaron Peterson is resigning. The Public notices will be mailed soon.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to approve the 2026 BOR meeting dates seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Zoning Administrator Schneider noted the March 4th Planning Commission meeting having three Site Plans /Public Hearing to be held. Data Center information is being collected.

Treasurer Schneider noted the account balances. There were 4 fire runs for January. The delinquent tax collections for sunset ridge are ongoing. Point and Pay services will be ending this month, BS&A will replace this tax collection service. All accounts have been reconciled.

Supervisor Jensen noted the next ICTOA meeting to be held 4/13/26. A review of the past month's meetings attended was given. Supervisor Jensen purchased tarps for the recycle site.

The land rent check was received by resident Arens-amount was accepted. Supervisor Jensen is checking on the moving of the limestone to the North end of the Grand River property.

The board discussed the site plan options presented by Materials Management for the proposed recycle site. Supervisor Jensen will contact Materials Management and Nic Sandborn for further discussion.

The board discussed the Grand River property sale offer. We are waiting for a reply from the party with the offer before moving forward and to discuss further options.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the \$10,000 budget item for Recreation seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to approve the Portland Township PAFA budget (\$149,889.09) seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

The board discussed 2026 road project items; Supervisor Jensen will be attending a meeting with the ICRC on 2/18/26.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve and amend budget items for the 2025/2026 budget; Roads to \$175,000, Land splits to \$1,500, PAMA building to \$19,000 and Recreation to \$10,000 seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to approve a 3% salary increase for all Township Board members seconded by Trustee Kerekes. 4-yes, 0-no, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to extend the term for Mr. Stegenga on the Portland Area Fire Authority board representing Portland Township seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the expenditures submitted by Clerk Keilen seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 7:25 pm seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Charlene Keilen
Portland Township Clerk