

Portland Township  
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The Portland Township board met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Portland Township Hall for the January 2026 board meeting.

Supervisor Jensen called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were in attendance.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Assessor Kohagen submitted the 2026 Poverty exemption application for approval. Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the application seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Schneider gave his monthly report. There will be public hearings held in March at the next P/C meeting. The annual ZBA meeting was held January 14, 2026.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to authorize Z/A Schneider to seek legal counsel concerning language for Data Centers for the Zoning Ordinance seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Treasurer Schneider gave her monthly report. Account balances were noted. A discussion was held concerning the back taxes for a sale at Sunset Ridge Mobile Home Park. The old Treasurer phone number, 517 647 2075, has been disconnected, all future calls will go to the Treasurer's personal cell #.

Supervisor Jensen reviewed the past months meetings he attended; ICTOA, ICRC, PAFA and IMM.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the annual cleanup with the City of Portland for 2026 seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the IAM safe budget amount of 2,500 seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve the Portland Area Service Group budget amount of 5,000 seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve the annual agreement for maintenance and improvement of roads with the Ionia County Road Commission seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to appoint Mandy Brzezinski as the Portland Township library board representative replacing Kathy Cook seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Clerk Keilen gave an update on the past month's activities with the Portland Area Fire Authority board. There are additional costs with the Police department flooring that were approved November 2025.

No action was taken on old business items.

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

Supervisor Jensen motioned to adjourn at 7:00 pm seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Charlene Keilen  
Portland Township Clerk