

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

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

The Lyons Township Supervisor gave an overview of the ambulance services with Life EMS for their jurisdiction

Assessor Kohagen was not in attendance.

Zoning Administrator Schneider gave a review of his monthly report. Data Centers continue to be a discussion with the Planning Commission. The new website is in the prototype stage.

Treasurer Schneider noted the account balances. The fire runs report was not available. Sunset Ridge reported 500 lots occupied. Delinquent taxes for Sunset Ridge are ongoing. All Winter taxes have been collected and all accounts have been reconciled.

Supervisor Jensen noted the next ICTOA meeting will be held April 13<sup>th</sup> at Danby Twp. Materials Management meeting will be held March 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for safe routes to school in April. Other items noted in the monthly report.

A discussion was held about the condition of Cutler road. Supervisor Jensen stated the ICRC is looking to limestone this road this year.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve resolution 3-17-26 to adopt amendments and incorporate Ordinance #100-3-2026 to part 3 of the Portland Township Code of Ordinances

regarding Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Article 10 seconded by Trustee Simon. A roll call vote was taken; 5-yes, 0-no, motion carried.

Supervisor Jensen will continue to work with Granger and the Ionia County Materials Management group to create a site plan for the Portland Township recycle site.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to extend the listing agreement with Nick Sandborn for the Grand River property seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

Supervisor Jensen will discuss the recent purchase proposal for the Grand River property with Mr. Sandborn.

Treasurer Schneider motioned to approve audit services for 2026 with Siegfried and Crandall seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Trustee Simon motioned to approve Mr. Russell to oversee the Keefer Cemetery for 2026 with a \$30 per month fuel reimbursement seconded by Treasurer Schneider and carried.

The board discussed the recreation agreement with the City of Portland; no action was taken.

Trustee Kerekes motioned to amend budget items; Court fees to \$700, Supervisor Mileage to \$760 and Pension fees to \$11,400 seconded by Trustee Simon and carried.

The 2026/2027 Pama budget will be discussed at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The board discussed two Special Assessments for 2026; Cedarbrook Trail and the Spohn subdivision (Diane/Debra/Doreen).

No action was taken on old business items.

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

The board held the public hearing for the 2026/2027 budget.

Trustee Simon motioned to adjourn at 9:08 pm seconded by Trustee Kerekes and carried.

Charlene Keilen  
Portland Township Clerk

