

VOLINIA TOWNSHIP

CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025
6:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Chris Brooks at 6:31pm.

Prayer was given by Bob Rasmussen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Brooks.

Annette Peters requested roll call: Supervisor Brooks – Present, Treasurer Williams – Present, Clerk Peters – Present, Trustee Seelye – Present, Trustee Grice - Absent.

Others present: Beth Brooks, Deb Chambers, Jamie Chambers, Jen Chucta, Wes Peglar, Steve Kent, Brenda Kent, Tim Wilson, Leslie Wilson, Ron Troxell, Tondra Ramsey, Bob Rasmussen, Glenn Blough, Brenda Blough, Victoria Locke, Anne Colgan and Joe Colgan.

Agenda

The agenda was present. Alex Williams made a motion to approve the agenda; Nick Seelye seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Minutes

The minutes from the last regular meeting, April 14, 2025, were presented. Chris Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes; Alex Williams seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Denny Grice Resignation

Annette Peters made a motion to accept Denny Grice's resignation as Trustee; Nick Seelye seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed. Chris Brooks reached out to MTA on steps to replace. There is a notice on the website and billboard on how to apply for the position.

Supervisor

Camp Matziv/MMW – Chris will be having a conference call tomorrow, May 13, 2025, and expects to have a draft settlement agreement. Once he receives, he will forward to the board for consideration.

Building Inspector Report – There were 2 building permits this month.

Zoning Administrator Report – Still working on a number of issues.

Treasurer's Report

The April Treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$262,730.84 in the general fund. Balances in the other funds are as shown. Chris Brooks made a motion to approve the April

Treasurer's Report; Nick Seelye seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Chris Brooks requested a roll call vote:

Seelye – Yes
Brooks -Yes
Williams – Yes
Peters – Yes

The Board approved the April Treasurer's Report.

Bills

The April Revised bills were presents with a total of \$80,083.88. Nick Seelye made a motion to pay the April Revised bills as listed; Chris Brooks seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

Chris Brooks requested a roll call vote:

Williams – Yes
Peters – Yes
Seelye – Yes
Brooks – Yes

The Board approved the April Revised Bills.

The May bills were presented with a total of \$103,899.70. Nick Seelye made a motion to pay the May Bills as listed; Chris Brooks seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Annette Peters requested a roll call vote:

Brooks– Yes
Seelye – Yes
Peters – Yes
Williams – Yes

The Board approved the May Bills.

Alex Williams said that we received a notice on the ARPA funds. All funds have been used, and he filed the required reports. Now they are saying that the reports were never filed. He is trying to reach someone at the US Treasury.

Clerk

We have received the L-4029 Packet. The Truth in Taxation hearing has to be done before September 30, 2025.

Trustee Seelye

Joe Bellini said that Dutch Settlement will be paved all this week. The Townships pavement markings are completed on Goodenough (Warner to Dewey Lake), Dewey Lake to Wickett, Fosdick (West of Decatur) and Gards Prairie (Marcellus Hwy to Warner). Gravel is coming. Dust control cannot be done until the evenings are a steady sixty to sixty-five degrees.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Chris attended the NWCCAD ambulance meeting on April 22, 2025. They are still in discussion with SMACAS. They have not received a run call list. Hopefully with have a proposed contract in July for Board review.

Cemeteries Report

Computerization is complete.

There were 2 burials last month and is another one scheduled for tomorrow.

The boys are keeping busy with the grass.

The flags are done at Rosehill.

Board

Chris will be out of the Country from May 15, 2025, to June 3, 2025.

Public

Zach Moorehouse asked if the Trustee seat will be vacant until the 2026 election. Then he asked if the Trustee will be appointed before the next meeting.

Wes Peglar said that he received a letter in the mail today, that was a 7 day notice that the lake will be treated for weeds tomorrow. There needs to be complete transparency to lake owners. Chris said that he will talk to Chuck Wilson. Alex said that Chuck receives the invoices and forward them to him, he's pretty sure the invoice that he's received so far was for a survey but it could have been for a permit.

Isreal Yoder said that he purchased property in the township without doing research, that it can't be used as Airbnb. Wanted to know if he had any options to get that changed.

Ron Troxell said that he's been working for over a year to put a cabin up. He's sent letters to Chris Brooks and Roger Leach about his difficulties working with the zoning. His electrical inspections were delayed all winter. He is also interested in having Airbnb's as he would like to put in another unit.

Ray Northrup said that he lives on the East end of Bunker Lake at McMillion Dam. He read a letter that he received from "Wendy." He had maintained the dam for 44 years. He recently received a tax bill for \$60 from the county to maintain the dam. The Drain Commission left the property a mess. Chris said that he will try to contact Mr. Vanbelle and see if he can intercede.

Ray Northrup also says that Cass County is the beaver capital of Michigan. The beavers would have caused the area to be underwater for the last 15 years.

Adjournment

Nick Seelye made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alex Williams seconded the motion; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Peters
Volinia Township Clerk