**THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**
**HELD AT 9809 N M-18 GLADWIN MI 48624**
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Erskine, Treasurer Scherrer, Clerk Schultz, Trustee Haley(absent), Trustee Ecklin

VISITORS PRESENT: Eric Schultz, Pat O'Neil, Bill Simpson, Mike Scherrer, Anne Townsend, Melissa Townsend, Sandy Bristol, David Hoefling, Marty Neighbors, Betty Libbey, Erie High, Barry Wallace Jr.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM. All said the Pledge of Allegiance

CLERKS REPORT: A motion to accept the clerk's report was made by Ecklin. Supported by Scherrer. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: GENERAL FUND: $417,442.00 RUBBISH FUND: $41,998.98 ROAD FUND: $706,069.68

A motion to pay the bills was made by Scherrer. Supported by Ecklin. Motion passed.

Tax season went well. The brine bill has been paid. The board discussed whether to withhold the GFL payment until the tire dumpsters are delivered. Amotion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Ecklin. Supported by Schultz. Motion passed.

ROAD COMMISSION: Bill Simpson- Theres not much left to do on the Forest Road project. Waiting on gravel to finish it. The goal is to have the first couple of miles graveled by the end of September. They received the first neighborhood funding check. The office is moving to the new building on Sept 21st. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on September 30th. The budget will be finalized on September 29th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Barry Wallace Jr-The fire department needs letters of support from the local communities for grant applications. They will start to bill Consumers energy for their calls. There has been no reimbursement thus far.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: David Hoefling- The county passed the 2027 budget. Everything is balanced. Bid out IT services to Karhu Service. This will save $60,000. US Marshalls increased the money paid for inmates.

OLD BUSINESS: a couple of residents would like to remove the decibel level from the township ordinance. They have concerns over the noise levels created by their neighbors that are wreaking havoc in their home lives. Without a listed level they feel the police would be more willing to assist them. Concerns were also raised over the possibility of neighbors opening a public ORV riding venue. Mentions were also made about data centers and solar farms.

BLIGHT: Caleb Stenger- A resident complained about an old house that needs torn down. Threatened to sue if not done. The owner of the house said they are trying to get the electric moved from it. That the House's electricity powers the water well for the barn. Once it has moved the house will be torn down.

WEBSITE: Erie High- Poverty guidelines have been updated on the site. The domain is paid up until next year.

ELBOW LAKE- Debris is still there. Per Road commission they need to call Nate about removal.

ELECTION: Public accuracy is Oct 22nd at 11:30am. Election commission discussed the appointment of the election inspectors.

CHECKS:

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| CK#9436-JACKIE ECKLIN-$160.29 | CK#9444-CC CLERK-$244.79 | CK#9452-MVW-$1100.00 |
| CK#9437-ED ERSKINE-$1206.07 | CK#9445-CC TREASURER-$24.63 | BANK FEE-$7.00 |
| CK#9438-THERESE HALEY-$160.29 | CK#9446-CONSUMERS-$279.11 | |
| CK#9439-PAMELA LOUNGER-$92.51 | CK#9447-DTE-$60.57 | |
| CK#9440-SANDY SCHERRER-$1294.88 | CK#9448-GFL-$36721.80 | |
| CK#9441-SHELLY SCHULTZ-$1387.97 | CK#9449-SANDY SCHERRER-$272.05 | |
| CK#9442-CALEB STENGER-$399.79 | CK#9450-SHELLYSCHULTZ-$73.00 | |
| CK#9443-CLEAVER-$53.00 | CK#9451-US TREASURY-$22.45 | TOTAL: $43560.20 |

There was no other business. A motion to adjourn was made by Ecklin. Supported by Scherrer. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:54PM

CLERK_____SUPERVISOR_____