

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
July 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Noble called the Roll:

Present:

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Steve Anderson, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Absent:

Mike Roman, Treasurer
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee

Also Present:

Trish Pergament, Deputy Supervisor
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (4 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FOIA APPEAL – ERNEST PARKER, 9620 COOLEY LAKE ROAD – POLICE DEPARTMENT FEES

Deputy Pergament presented background on the FOIA appeal filed by Ernest Parker of 9620 Cooley Lake Road. The appeal contains Mr. Parker's second and third FOIA appeals to the Township, with the current matter specifically concerning fees charged by the Police Department in response to his June 4, 2026 and July 10, 2026, FOIA requests. The Township's attorney reviewed the fee estimates and confirmed their validity; a minor correction was made to the fringe benefit calculation. This reduced the total cost a little, and this correction was noted in the Township's written response to Mr. Parker.

Clerk Noble asked to clarify the basis for the fee estimates, specifically that the Township uses the salary and fringe benefits of the lowest-paid person in the relevant department. Deputy Pergament confirmed.

She added that the time-intensive nature of the requests is attributable to the review and redaction of video, phone, and other digital data. Mr. Parker disputes the fees and has not agreed to pay them.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to uphold the Police Department's deposit request for cost reimbursement, with the exception of the correction for fringe benefits, as set forth in its Itemized Fee Schedule and denial of fee waiver or reduction request relating to Mr. Parker's June 4, 2026 and July 10, 2026 FOIA requests, for the following reasons:

1. The fee amounts and deposit requests comply with the Township's publicly available procedures and guidelines and Section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.
2. FOIA Section 4(1)(a) permits the Township to seek the costs associated with preparing and responding to a FOIA request.
3. FOIA Section 4(3) permits the Township to seek reimbursement for FOIA responses that would pose an unreasonably high cost to the Township
4. FOIA Section 4(2)(a) does not apply to the request, as the requestor has not provided the necessary documentation required for a cost reduction of \$20.00.
5. The fee waiver request under FOIA Section 4(2) is permissive; no basis has been provided supporting approval of a waiver in this instance, and the decision on a fee waiver request is not listed under FOIA Section 10(a) as being subject to appeal or challenge; and
6. FOIA Section 13 1 (a)(b)(c)(d)(g)(m)(n)(s)(y) and (z) allows the Township to redact information that would infringe upon individuals' privacy rights, the Police Department's operations and security plans, a police officer's personal information, and/or disclosed privileged material. Disclosure of the exempt material would not provide any beneficial information to the public should it be disclosed. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (4 yes votes) (Noble/yes, Voorheis/yes, Kowall/yes, Anderson/yes).

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to adjourn at 5:37 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (4 yes votes).

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk, MiPMC
Charter Township of White Lake