CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
July 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

ROLL CALL
Clerk Noble called the Roll:

Present:
Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Steve Anderson, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee

Also Present:
Trish Pergament, Deputy Supervisor
Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Aaron Potter, Director of DPS
David Hieber, Township Assessor
Matthew Ivory, Chief of Police
J. David Feichtner, Fire Chief
Robin Myers, H.R. Manager
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT
Cathleen Okray, 931 Dacea Court, addressed the board on behalf of her subdivision regarding future road repaving. She stated that the subdivision is currently addressing other infrastructure concerns and is beginning to research and prepare for a future SAD for road repaving.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. REVENUE AND EXPENSES
B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS
C. DEPARTMENT REPORT - POLICE
D. DEPARTMENT REPORT - FIRE
E. DEPARTMENT REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
F. DEPARTMENT REPORT - TREASURER

G. BRB HALF MARATHON/HAWLEY PARK

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 2026

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Treasurer Roman to approve the minutes of June 16, 2026 as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. RECOGNITION OF KAILEY MCGINNIS - WINNER OF THE $5,000 FRAN ANDERSON MAKING A DIFFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Supervisor Kowall recognized and congratulated Ms. Kailey McGinnis for being awarded the $5,000 Fran and Russ Anderson Making a Difference Scholarship.

B. PLANTE MORAN AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR YEAR END 2025

Pam Hill, Chris Gilbert and Daniela Suva, Plante Moran, were present to give the results of the 2025 audit. 400 hours were spent auditing the Township's books and records. The Township was issued an unmodified opinion for the year 2025, which was the highest assurance that Plante Moran could give.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR FURNITURE PURCHASE - NEW TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Deputy Pergament shared the Board approved owner costs, including furniture costs, at a special Board meeting this past January. At that time, there wasn't a definitive budget for the furniture. The amount approved at the meeting in January 2026 was $500,000, however, the final cost came in at $635,809.65. She added she has implemented cost saving measures by repurposing existing shelving units in storage rooms and other out-of-sight areas where possible.

Deputy Pergament requested an additional $135,810 to be able to order the furniture. There will be an increase as of August 1st, 2026, if the price isn't locked in this evening. She added that installation is included in the quoted price. The furniture is under a 12-year limited warranty through GSA (General Service Administration) pricing.

Trustee Smith stated the prices per foot are like the price per foot at Public Safety. The Design Committee has put a lot of effort and thought into cost savings measures.

Supervisor Kowall commended the Design Committee for all their hard work on this endeavor.

Trustee Smith stated the budget covers every single room within Township Hall for furniture. It did not include wall décor or commercial patio furniture for the private employee patio.

Trustee Anderson complimented the team for providing and securing the GSA pricing.
Treasurer Roman asked if the sales tax was exempt from the quote. Deputy Pergament confirmed.

Trustee Voorheis asked if the furniture will be delivered prior to staff moving into the building. Deputy Pergament confirmed.

Treasurer Roman asked if the furniture will be installed as well. Deputy Pergament confirmed.

Deputy Pergament added that a dolly was ordered and the chairs in the Board Room will be stackable.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve a total furniture expenditure not to exceed $635,810 for the new Township building, with the order to be entered prior to August 1, 2026, to avoid a price increase. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Kowall/yes, Roman/yes)

B. <u>REQUEST TO APPROVE PAID BIRTH RECOVERY LEAVE AND PAID PARENTAL LEAVE POLICIES</u>

Robin Myers, HR Generalist, presented two revised leave policies developed following board feedback at the June 2026 meeting. The original proposal was restructured into two separate policies:

1. Paid Birth Recovery Leave - Non-Union: A two-week medical leave available to the birth mother for physical recovery following childbirth.
2. Paid Parental Leave – Non-Union: A two-week bonding leave available to an employee who becomes a parent through birth or adoption.

The policies maintain the original intent while providing a clear distinction between medical recovery and parental bonding leave.

The board discussed the inclusion of holidays within the leave periods and confirmed this is legally appropriate to ensure equal benefit across employees. The board confirmed that birth mothers would be required to declare their intent to take leave, typically approximately three months in advance.

Trustee Voorheis stated she preferred the other policy but was happy to see adoptions covered in this policy.

Trustee Smith stated she supported the policy before, and she supports it now.

Trustee Ruggles stated the policy is better than previously presented.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Voorheis, to approve the Paid Parental Leave policy. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Kowall/yes Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes).

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to approve the Paid Birth Recovery Leave policy. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Anderson/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes).

C. FOIA APPEAL - ERNEST PARKER 9620 COOLEY LAKE ROAD

Deputy Pergament reviewed the FOIA appeal from Ernest Parker, 9620 Cooley Lake Road, dated June 4, 2026. She described the appeal as multi layered and complex. She stated all available requested records were provided, no records were redacted, and apparent discrepancies in the appellant's concerns (such as blank forwarded email content) were explained by the nature of the records themselves rather than any withholding. She requested the Board to affirm the Township's overall decision for the reasons outlined in the letter attached in the Agenda packet.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to affirm the Township's overall decision regarding the requester's June 4, 2026, FOIA request for the reasons as outlined. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

D. RESOLUTION #26-017; TENTATIVELY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS COLEDALE BAY AQUATIC WEED CONTROL AND LAKE IMPROVEMENT 2026-2030

Assessor Hieber said this is the first of three resolutions for an aquatic weed control SAD for Coledale Bay. There are 17 parcels affected, and 13 signed the petition as yes. The assessment is $240 per parcel per year for five years (2026-2030). If approved, an August public hearing will be set for establishment, and the tax roll will be confirmed in September. He noted this is a recurring district with records dating to at least 2015.

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, seconded by Trustee Voorheis, to approve Resolution #26-017; tentatively declaring its intention to establish a Special Assessment District to be known as Coledale Bay Aquatic Weed Control and Lake Improvement 2026-2030. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

E. RESOLUTION #26-018; TENTATIVELY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS EMERGENCY SEWER CONNECTIONS 2026-01

Assessor Hieber presented the intention resolution for emergency sewer connections for five parcels in septic failure that have been connected to the Township sewer system. This is an annual process; the intention resolution sets two subsequent public hearings to confirm the roll before assessments appear on December tax bills. Assessment amounts vary by parcel and will be brought forward at subsequent meetings.

It was MOVED Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Ruggles, to approve Resolution #26-018; Tentatively Declaring Its Intention to Establish a Special Assessment District to Be Known As Emergency Sewer Connections 2026-01. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

F. <u>REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CEC CONTROLS PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE SCADA SYSTEM TO THE NEW BUILDING SITE</u>

Director Potter said the SCADA system will be relocated from its current location at the Annex to the new Township Hall. CEC is the Township's SCADA support contractor. In addition, the system is aging, and due for upgrades. The plan is to convert the SCADA system to a cellular system.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the SCADA network update and relocation at a cost not to exceed $92,000 plus 10% contingency, to be paid from the water fund, and to authorize the supervisor to execute the documents following legal review.
The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes) Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Anderson/yes, Kowall/yes).

G. <u>REQUEST TO PURCHASE MAINTENANCE TRUCK – DPS</u>

Director Potter said the vehicle will be a maintenance vehicle; there is a new employee that will need a truck, as all existing DPS vehicles are currently assigned and in daily use.
Specifications include a white, regular cab, 8-foot box configuration with tow-package, amber/green front and rear lights, Class 4 hitch, township graphics, and undercoating.

Trustee Ruggles questioned if all DPS employees need new vehicles. Director Potter said no. Trustee Ruggles then asked if two employees could share a vehicle. Director Potter confirmed and added it would double the cost of maintenance to have two employees on one job.

Director Potter explained that all his field operators and summer crew are using all the DPS fleet.

Trustee Smith questioned if there are other department vehicles that could be repurposed to DPS. Director Potter said it's possible, but there will be a lot of wear and tear.

Supervisor Kowall added that the DPS field staff are out in the field from when they get to work, they are very busy and out in different areas of the Township.

Trustee Smith stated Director Potter will be taking on more maintenance with the new Township Hall and facilities. She suggested that a workshop or session needs to be scheduled to put a plan in place. Director Potter stated all costs for work orders are captured through CityWorks work orders.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to approve DPS to source and purchase a work truck at the most competitive price possible, not to exceed $60,000 and to authorize

the supervisor to execute all documents related to the sale. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes) (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/no, Smith/yes, Anderson/yes).

H. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CITYWORKS LICENSE

Director Potter presented a request to renew the CityWorks maintenance management and GIS software license. The system has been in use since 2017 and currently tracks over 27,000 work orders for the township's utilities and facilities. The current proposal includes 8 user licenses. A two-year contract option is available to lock in pricing, with the option to add users at $1,500 per user if needed. Director Potter emphasized the value of the system for budgeting, planning, interdepartmental billing, and long-term asset management.

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Clerk Noble to approve a two-year CityWorks maintenance license renewal contract not to exceed $30,725, and to authorize the supervisor to review and execute the agreement following legal review. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes, Roman/yes).

I. RESOLUTION #26-019; APPROVING THE CLEMIS AUTHORITY MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Resolution #26-019; approve the CLEMIS Authority Master Services Agreement, with the change to paragraph two to include the Fire Chief. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

J. REQUEST TO PURCHASE UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ivory presented a request to purchase a Kawasaki Mule Pro utility vehicle for the police department using a combination of grant funds and township funds. Police Department was awarded the Public Safety Revenue Sharing Grant for a total amount of $16,317.75. The grant funding is for equipment purchases by the Department. The Township's share after grant application will be approximately $3,863.25. The total vehicle cost including upfitting and graphics is $20,181. The vehicle will be wrapped in blue to reduce wrapping costs (approximately $400 versus over $1,000 for a full wrap), with White Lake Police Department identification on both sides and the designation "Serving since 1954" on the rear. Chief Ivory stated the vehicle is a 2026 model year, and there is Public Safety pricing applied to the total purchase cost.

Supervisor Kowall stated that the utility vehicle is plow ready. The plow package addition including installation would be an additional $1,8000. He added that the new Public Safety parking lot and sidewalk could benefit from a plow. It would be the utilization of an interdepartmental vehicle.

Chief Ivory stating the vehicle would be used for plowing in the early morning hours before maintenance arrived. There would be staff trained to use the vehicle.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Voorheis, to authorize purchase of the Kawasaki Mule Pro including upfitting, graphics, and a utility plow attachment, for a total not to exceed $22,000. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Anderson/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Kowall/yes, Roman/yes)

K. REQUEST TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - MILFORD MEMORIES FESTIVAL

Chief Ivory presented the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Milford allowing White Lake Township police officers to exercise law enforcement authority within Milford's boundaries during the Milford Memories Festival. The MOU has been in place for at least several years. Overtime costs for six shifts are invoiced to and reimbursed by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce through the Village of Milford at no net cost to the township. The MOU has previously been reviewed and vetted by township legal counsel

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Memorandum of Understanding – Milford Memories Festival. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

L. REQUEST TO APPROVE JOHN KULHAVI DONOR RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

Trustee Ruggles asked for clarification on the size of the plaque. Attorney Hamameh said the size has not been clarified, and Mr. Kulhavi's attorney has not reviewed the agreement with her client. She is requesting that the Township Board authorize Supervisor Kowall to execute the agreement and finalize the details after discussion this evening. The scope and conditions of the plaque can be outlined in tonight's motion.

Treasurer Roman stated the plaque wouldn't be very large, maybe 24" wide. He suggested a size not to exceed 18" by 24".

Trustee Smith stated she is not in favor of this agreement. She does not want the plaque in the main entranceway of the Public Safety Building. She said as proposed, the donor wanted the building dedicated to him, and she does not agree with that statement. She stated she does not agree with the financial schedule of the donations. She said the donation does not warrant a name being on the building. She is against everything proposed.

Attorney Hamameh said she drafted this agreement based on direction received from the donor and staff. She added that the location was understood to be somewhere in the building. She said these terms were based off conversations, not from the donor themselves.

Trustee Ruggles said he does not have a problem with a plaque. He also does not have a problem with the financial distribution of the donation.

Treasurer Roman stated the building should not be named after a person, but the plaque could be dedicated to a person.

Clerk Noble said putting the plaque inside differentiates that the building is not named after an individual.

Trustee Anderson said he does not want the plaque on the outside of the building.

Trustee Smith suggested the plaque read "In recognition of" in lieu of "dedicated to". Attorney Hamameh said that was the language the Kulhavi's preferred, but Supervisor Kowall can negotiate the language.
It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to move forward with the agreement and authorize Supervisor Kowall to finalize the remaining agreement terms: the plaque size not to exceed 18" x 24", the plaque to be located inside the building, and the language on the plaque to read "In recognition of" instead of "Dedicated to". The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes). Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/no, Noble/yes, Kowall/yes).

M. <u>SECOND READING - AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE - 26-001</u>

Director O'Neil reviewed Zoning Ordinance Amendment 26-001 for second reading and adoption. The amendment includes housekeeping items related to driveway spacing, land use classifications, the noise standards table, ZBA processes for nonconforming lots, and setback table clarification for accessory uses.
It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to adopt Amendment 26-001 of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Anderson/yes, Kowall/yes).

N. <u>SECOND READING - AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE - 26-002</u>

Director O'Neil reviewed Zoning Ordinance Amendment 26-002 for second reading and adoption. The amendment will restore final site plan approval authority to the Township Board instead of the Planning Commission as it currently reads.

Theresa Johns, 9105 Steephollow Dr., expressed opposition to amendment 26-002. Her statement shared that removal of the Planning Commission as the final site plan approval authority eliminates local checks and balances.

Pete Pinccinato, 877 Townsend, stated his opposition to Zoning Ordinance amendment 26-002. The recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this change should be taken into consideration. The Planning Commission provides a more focused review process in regard to final site plan approvals. He requested the Township Board deny the adoption of the amendment.

Mike Powell, 4700 Cornerstone Dr., opposed the amendment transferring site plan approval authority from the planning commission to the Township Board . He stated this would reintroduce the potential for political influence on development decisions. He cited historical problems prior to 2004 when the current system was established. He urged the board not to proceed with that element and suggested a limited appeal process as an alternative.

Mary Earley, 5925 Pine Ridge Court, opposed Zoning Ordinance amendment 26-002. She stated that no valid reason had been presented for changing the site plan approval process and that the Planning Commission has adequate impartiality protections in place.

Supervisor Kowall asked the Board about their planning process knowledge. His reasoning for doing so is that the Planning Commission has spent their own time educating themselves about the zoning ordinance, land use, and development procedures. He said the Board should be relying on the Planning Commission for their expertise. He added that he remembered when the final site plan approval was the Township Board's authority, and it was frustrating for the residents and developers alike.

Trustee Anderson said the information the Board would need to make decisions would be found in the zoning ordinance, and they would be able to ask staff questions as well.

Trustee Smith stated She is in support of this amendment because the Township Board is held accountable for final decisions. She suggested working on an appeal process.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble to adopt amendment 26-002 of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (4 yes votes). (Smith/yes, Ruggles/no, Noble/yes, Kowall/no, Roman/yes, Anderson/yes, Voorheis/no).

O. SECOND READING - REZONING REQUEST - 9391 HIGHLAND ROAD

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, seconded Supervisor Kowall to adopt the rezoning request for 9391 Highland Road from Planned Business to Local Business. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

P. RESOLUTION #26-021; TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DEFERRING REVIEWS AND DECISIONS REGARDING DATA PROCESSING CENTERS PENDING COMPLETION OF ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW AND AMENDMENT PROCESS

Director O'Neil requested an extension of the existing temporary moratorium on the review and decision of applications related to data processing centers, originally adopted February 17, 2026. The extension would run through February 12, 2027, to allow additional time to complete zoning ordinance research and amendments in coordination with other southeast Michigan communities that are further along in the same process.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Resolution #26-021 extending the temporary moratorium deferring reviews and decisions regarding data processing centers pending completion of the zoning ordinance review and amendment process. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Anderson/yes).

Q. RESOLUTION #26-023; DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AGREEING TO LIST THE PROPERTY FOR SALE - PARCEL ID# 12-21-251-028

Clerk Noble stated on the direction of the Board, the three in house elected officials met with commercial property brokers to get an idea on how to market Township property. Three commercial brokers met with the elected officials and Director O'Neil.

Treasurer Roman said all three companies seemed very capable, and Insite came with positive reviews from Commerce Township.
Supervisor Kowall agreed, and said he felt the most comfortable with Randy Thomas and the Insite team. This will be the first step in the process to get things going, and the Board will be updated periodically.

Treasurer Roman stated the realtors suggested listing all parcels together to attract the broadest buyer interest, with the understanding that terms including any park retention could be negotiated at the time of an offer.

The board discussed potential uses including pickleball courts and residential development for back portions of the property.

It was MOVED Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to approve authorize the Supervisor's Office to sign a six-month listing agreement with Insight Realty, agent Randy Thomas, with the option to extend or change agencies at expiration. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes) (Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Anderson/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Kowall/yes)

R. RESOLUTION #26-020; CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES - WOMEN OF HOPE SMC

Caron Recker, founder and president of Women of Hope, a nonprofit organization, presented a request for the board's recognition in support of a Michigan Gaming License application. Women of Hope focuses on three program areas: support for women with breast cancer, domestic violence relief, and mentoring of young girls in southeastern Michigan. The organization is self-funded currently and plans to hold fundraising events including raffles, bingo, and millionaire party events.

It was MOVED By Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to approve Resolution #26-020; Charitable Gaming Licenses - Women of Hope SMC. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes, Anderson/yes)

S. RESOLUTION #26-016; APPROVING THE GATEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE METRO ACT PERMIT

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve Resolution #26-016; Approving the Gateway Infrastructure Metro Act Permit. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes).

T. OPEB EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – 2026

Treasurer Roman noted that the township's active OPEB funding efforts, recognized earlier in the Plant Moran audit presentation, are being offset by a reported 22% health insurance rate increase from Blue Cross Blue Shield, and expressed strong concern about the trajectory of healthcare costs nationally and at the township level. The annual cost to insure one family under the township's PPO plan currently exceeds $30,000.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble, approve 2026 OPEB contributions of $655,000 split across five funds as listed. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes Kowall/yes, Anderson/yes).

FYI - FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL BOARD MEETING REQUEST
Chief Feichtner requested a special Board meeting to work with the Board on the Fire Department's budget for next year.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS
Trustee Ruggles shared he golfed in the Police Foundation Outing and had a great time.

Trustee Smith reminded that there is a library milage renewal on the August 4th, 2026, ballot. She encouraged all to educate themselves on the topic.

Trustee Anderson stated the Police Foundation Golf Outing was successful. The ZBA met last month and considered two cases, and four cases will be considered this Thursday. He encouraged everyone to vote on August 4th.

Treasurer Roman thanked the Design Committee for their efforts. He thanked the Treasury and Accounting Departments for their work on the year end audit.

Clerk Noble thanked Finance Director Whitt for his work on the year end audit.

Trustee Voorheis shared she attended "Rockin' the Farm". She congratulated Chief Ivory for a successful Police Foundation Golf Outing.

Supervisor Kowall stated he appreciated everyone in attendance this evening. The Township has many dedicated employees that move the Township forward. The audit report was great due to the Township being diligent with monitoring their finances. He asked all to keep Mr. John Kulhavi and his family in their prayers.

CLOSED SESSION

A. MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(1)(h) AND PURSUANT TO MCL

15.268(1)(e) TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING TRIAL OR SETTLEMENT STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE No. 2025-215757-CZ (WHITE LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP vs. AXIS ELECTRIC, LLC AND NGM INSURANCE COMPANY)

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to recess into closed session to consider attorney-client privileged communications in accordance with MCL 15.268(1)(h) and pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) to consult with the township's attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2025-215757-CZ, White Lake Charter Township versus Axis Electric LLC and NGM Insurance Company. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes).
(Kowall/yes, Ruggles/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded approximately 9:41 P.M.

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

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