

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
November 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
J. David Feitchner, Fire Chief
Elaine Homeister, Finance Director
Dawn Bockelman, Assistant Finance Director
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to amend the agenda to swap item B with item D. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vibella Oaks, 9380 Buckingham, presented voting and tax related petitions.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST BY DPS TO PURCHASE 2024 RAM 3500 TRADESMAN PICKUP WITH CRANE UPFIT

Supervisor Kowall said this is a rare vehicle to find.

Director Potter added that the price is based on State of Michigan pricing and is currently being outfitted. This vehicle would be replacing the 2015 Ford Transit Connect, which is currently up for auction.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, supported by Clerk Noble to approve the purchase of a 2024 RAM 3500 Tradesman Pickup with Crane Upfit, not to exceed \$66,600. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Anderson/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes).

B. 2026 TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Kowall reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with the Board. He added that the budget includes an interest payment for the Civic Center bond. He thanked Director Homeister for her efforts and participation in preparing the budget.

Trustee Anderson asked Director Homeister about grave site revenue. Director Homeister answered there is a third party that opens and closes the grave.

Clerk Noble said the work is completed by the sexton.

Trustee Anderson stated it was good to see the property maintenance admin fee included in the budget as well.

Trustee Ruggles asked about the increase in the building inspector line item. Director Homeister answered the line item is for a position that the Board approved but has not filled.

Supervisor Kowall commended the Public Safety Chiefs participating in the cost sharing for the construction of the new buildings.

C. ACCEPT DONATION TOWARD NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FROM JOHN AND CAROLE KULHAVI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00

Supervisor Kowall said a generous donation has been offered to the Township toward the Public Safety building from John and Carole Kulhavi in the amount of \$250,000.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to accept the donation toward the Public Safety building from John and Carole Kulhavi in the amount of \$250,000. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Kowall/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Anderson/yes, Voorheis/yes)

D. APPROVE A DEDICATION PLAQUE TO BE PLACED IN OR ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IN THE SIZE AND LOCATION TBD BY THE BOARD, IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN AND CAROLE KULHAVI'S GENEROUS DONATION TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to approve a dedication plaque to be placed in or on the public safety building and the sized and location to be determined by the Board pending professional review by consultants. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to adjourn at 5:45 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

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

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