

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 (late arrival at 7:00 P.M.)

Also Present:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
J. David Feitchner, Fire Chief
Kirstin Kolb, Township Attorney
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

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: (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Long, 4200 Teal Lane, updated the audience that the Oakland County Commissioners passed their annual budget, and the commissioners also approved funding for free WOTA transportation for veterans indefinitely.

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. AMENDMENT TO TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP AND [SCHOOL DISTRICT]

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Treasurer Roman to approve the regular Board meeting minutes of September 16, 2025, as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS LANCE GREEN, KELSEY SAUNDERS, AND TIMOTHY TERRY

Officer Saunders was sworn in by Clerk Noble, and was pinned by her mother, Jody. Officer Terry was sworn in by Clerk Noble, and pinned by his daughters, Tegan and Mila. Officer Green was sworn in by Clerk Noble and pinned by his girlfriend, Taylor.

Supervisor Kowall recognized Trustee Voorheis in her achievement on being named the Staff Champion of the year at New Horizons annual award ceremony on October 9, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION - PROGRAM YEAR 2026

Supervisor Kowall stated Each year CDBG funding is based on the funds the Township estimated from the previous year. The Township will continue to support the following programs for its PY2026 CDBG applications: Minor Home Repair (Housing Projects) Senior Services (Meals on Wheels), and Youth Services (Huron Valley Youth Assistance).

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble opened the public hearing to hear public comment regarding approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application – Program Year 2026. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes). (Kowall/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Anderson/yes, Voorheis/yes).

Valerie Behr, resident and member of the Dublin Senior Center, stated she is not sure what the grant has covered in the past and had ideas of what the grant could cover. She wanted to see more funding for minor home repairs for seniors.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to close the public hearing. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION #25-035; APPROVING THE PY2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Ruggles, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution #25-035; the PY2026 Community Block Development Grant. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes) (Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes).

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP AND HURON VALLEY YOUTH SERVICES FOR YOUTH ASSISTANCE SERVICES

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to approve the agreement between White Lake Township and Huron Valley Youth Services for Youth Assistance Services. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

C. RESOLUTION #25-030; APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Director O'Neil reviewed the history and details of the Capital Improvement Plan. He thanked all the staff, Planning Commissioners, and Mrs. Mary Earley for all their work and participation on the document.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble, to approve Resolution #25-030; the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

D. REQUEST TO APPROVE NOTICE OF PAUSE INCREASES FOR THE TOWNSHIP HALL AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS

Treasurer Roman stated due to the cyber security attack, there was a pause in the bond funding. Due to the pause, some of the materials and costs for the new construction have increased.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Ruggles, to approve notice of pause increases for the Township Hall and Public Safety Buildings. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes). (Ruggles/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes).

E. FIRST READING; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE II - METRO ACT OF THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Noble stated that the amendment to the ordinance will allow for the collecting of a bond in the application process for Metro Act permits.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to move the ordinance to amend Chapter 34, Article II – Metro Act of the White Lake Township Code of Ordinances. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes)

FYI – CIVIC CENTER UPDATE

Supervisor Kowall said most of the work at Stanley Park has been completed. There are a few minor items that will be completed in the spring. The park will reopen when the soil has stabilized.

Treasurer Roman said lumber is being delivered to Township Hall, and the roof is partially complete at

the Public Safety Building. He added that the first course of paving was installed on site.

Supervisor Kowall said the roof at Township Hall should be complete around Thanksgiving.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Treasurer Roman stated that state revenue sharing will be cut next year and the year after, and the cut will hurt all of us.

Trustee Voorheis said she requested all the Board members to wear pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Trunk or Treat was a successful event. She thanked Supervisor Kowall for tonight's shout out.

Trustee Anderson stated the vigil for Charlie Kirk was a great success. The ZBA did not meet in September or October, and November's agenda is not confirmed. He wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Clerk Noble thanked everyone for their participation at the vigil and acknowledged Trustee Smith for speaking. He said the new ordinance officer, Josh Husted, is doing a great job. He wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

Trustee Ruggles wished everyone a Happy Halloween. The Planning Commission did not meet in October. He thanked everyone for their participation at Trunk or Treat.

Trustee Smith talked about breast cancer awareness and encouraged self-exams. She stated the library will have a Halloween party on October 25th, 2026, at 1 p.m., open to all ages. She thanked Lakeland High School for inviting her to judge the Homecoming Parade.

Supervisor Kowall said Trunk or Treat was very successful. He thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, CERT, and the Explorers. He specifically acknowledged his secretary, Kelly Lang, for her contributions to the event. He reminded all that Trick or Treat's official time on Halloween is from 6 to 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to adjourn at 7:14 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