

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
January 15, 2026

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 (late arrival at 5:28 P.M.)

Also Present:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
Jason Hanifen, Fire Marshal
David Waligora, Senior Planner
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER FOR DEPARTMENT COUNTERTOP MATERIAL IN NEW TOWNSHIP BUILDING AND MILLWORK FOR BOARD ROOM

Supervisor Kowall stated there are costs associated with each department's service counters at Township Hall. There is an option of using a more expensive solid surface product that will have a longevity of the lifetime of the building, or a laminate product that will be less costly, but may need to be replaced after a decade or so.

Trustee Anderson said he has experience in interior design products and stated that laminate has come a long way.

Trustee Ruggles and Clerk Noble stated they are in favor of laminate.

Treasurer Roman said many visitors to his counter do not place heavy items on it and was in favor of the laminate product.

Trish Pergament, Deputy Supervisor, stated that while a solid surface counter could be more expensive, it will not need to be replaced.

Director O'Neil said if a decision is made on the countertop product selection tonight, it can be processed with the next change order.

Trustee Voorheis agreed with the Board and said laminate will be a good option

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall and seconded by Clerk Noble to decline the change to solid surface service countertops and approve the dais as submitted for the new Township Hall. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR OWNER PROVIDED ITEMS FOR CIVIC CENTER BUILDINGS

Supervisor Kowall said an equipment list was compiled of items for the Civic Center buildings. The Board discussed the different items and the costs associated with installation and delivery.

Chief Keller added that the dispatch center was built larger than needed to assist with other smaller municipalities. The Police Department would take on dispatch services for other communities as a form of revenue for the Department. The centers and installation for them was included in the equipment list.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to approve costs for Owner furniture, Security and Technology costs Township wide, not to exceed Two million and twenty-five thousand dollars. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes). (Smith/yes, Anderson/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes)

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to adjourn at 5:31 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
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