

Board Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025

7:30 pm

Kawkawlin Township Board

1. Call Meeting to Order – Eddy called meeting to order at 7:30
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Officers – Present: Whalen, DeShano, Eddy, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused
4. Eddy motioned to accept previous minutes March 10, 2025
Whalen seconded
Motion Passed
5. **Treasurer's Report-** DeShano reports everything has been reconciled, we will be changing banks to better serve the township, we will also be working on online payments and usage of cards in the office. Should be up and running by next tax season.
Eddy **Motion** to accept
Whalen seconded
Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused
Motion Passed
6. **Fire Department Report-** The Fire Department reports they've had a lot of calls already this month. Chief just finished up a week of class and earned his Chief's diploma. Good job, Steve. The fire department is also looking for more staff.
DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused
Motion Passed
7. **Recreation Report** –Linwood Scenic Point won Osprey award.

We will be having an Easter egg hunt at the Kawkawlin Township Hall on April 19th, 2025, first one ever. We will be creating new parks and recreation boards tonight. It's not going to be just about the grounds themselves, but it will have a lot to do with community events. Plan for some exciting things happening this year.

There was an LCIC (Linwood Civic Improvement Club) meeting. We are going to see about cleaning the ditch out there that goes to the Bay and of course the new ADA outhouse, that we split the cost with Fraser Township.

Trustee Campbell has put a committee together with Bob Bragiel and Pat Powers of Fraser Township to maintain Bicentennial Park with a lot of improvements.

Eddy **Motion** to accept

Whalen seconded

Eddy: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Park and Recreation report **accepted**

8. **Hall Report** – Hall was recently rented out for the Bay County Fair Board for a chicken dinner and raffle, they set it up nicely and cleaned up nicely when they were done.

Whalen motioned to accept the Hall report

Eddy seconded

Motion Passed

9. **Bills for approval**

A. Deshano motioned to approve payroll, with a few changes

DeShano **Motion** to accept

Whalen seconded

Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

Deshano worked on the bills earlier, she had a little tweaking to do on a few things, nothing major, just a few things needed to be added.

DeShano **Motion** to accept

Whalen seconded

DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

10. **Communications**

A. **Building Report:** We have had 3-4 new building permits come in. We are working on fixing issues to not duplicate issues that have happened in the past.

B. **Zoning Report:** Steve Gray reports we have a lot of work to do, but we are getting there. We are currently working with Shawn Sullivan who wants to run a dog kennel, we are working with residents who have blight in their yard. We have also been working on FEMA complaints. We started with 52, we are down to 21. We also had two residents requesting zoning permits. Mr. Rivard was granted three variances, one for height, one for footprint and one for placement. Also, Mr. Prime was granted one for size.

Eddy motioned to accept communications

Whalen seconded

Communications report **accepted**

11. **Public Input-** Kayla Schlander 555 S. Huron Rd. has noticed a lot of blight on M13.

Steve Gray, 3350 Barnet Lane, would be interested in sitting on the Capital Improvement board.

12. **Unfinished Business**

A. Ethics Ordinance/ Employee Handbook will be tabled for now.

B. FEMA Violations have gone down from 52 to 21, we are working diligently with residents to correct any violations.

13. **New Business –**

A. Kawkawlin township has been hiring people wrongly since 1990. All the people of the township must be approved by the Board for hiring. Eddy **motioned** to legally retroactively hire Steve Bernreuter, Chris Bouchard, Dylan Bouchard, Sean Burek, Austin Campbell, Zach Foust, Carrie Gilbert, Frank Gilbert, Jason Hodder, Bryan Jacobs, Erin Knochel, Oksana Kowalsky, Hailey Lopez, Michael O’Hara, Amy Schalk, Jason Snyder, Duane Stahl, Adam Wilkum , Janni Burns, Sharon Rajewski, Carole Cruickshank, Christine Eckerle, Judy Gardner, Mary Salois, Debby Paige, Jacquelin Gerhardt, Sue Rosebrock, Eileen Casciano, Rochelle LeBourdais, Mary Cardosa, Martina Kucera, Shelly Lowery, Shelly Patterson, Debra Knochel, Patti Murphy and Molly Reinhardt.

DeShano seconded

Kruse: excused, Eddy: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

- B.** Eddy **motioned** to have our attorney write a letter to the Beaver Road Area Water Association regarding purchasing the Beaver Road Area Water. This would simplify things in Kawkawlin.

Whalen seconded

Campbell: excused, Kruse: excused, Eddy: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes

Motion Passed

- C.** We are working on the 2025-2026 budget; we are setting up workshop dates and meeting times to have conversations about what we need. Tentative dates for the workshops are March 20th and March 25th, both set for 7pm.

Eddy **Motioned** to accept Workshop meetings

DeShano seconded

Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

- D.** We have a lot of residents concerned with the roads in Linwood Village. We have received a quote for One Hundred and Eleven Thousand Dollars to do all the roads in the Village.

Eddy **Motioned** to start getting bids, to move forward

DeShano seconded

DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

- E.** Spicer Drainage Estimate for Linwood Beach is One point Nine Million Dollars.

Eddy **Motioned** to vote down for the time being.

DeShano seconded

Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

- F.** Eddy **Motioned** to discontinue contract with custodian

Whalen seconded

Campbell: excused, Kruse: excused, Eddy: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes

Motion Passed

- G.** Appointees for Parks and Recreation Committee; Lisa Eddy, Janel Norfleet, Kelly Larive, John Rezler, Anne Putman, Edmond Putman, Annette Jeske, Joslyn Jamrog, Artur Bissonete Laurie DeShano.

Eddy **motioned** to accept all the people for Parks and Recreation Committee

DeShano Seconded

Motion Passed

- H.** Eddy **motioned** to accept the Resolution to Approve Authorized Depositories. We have had a lot of frustration with the current bank.

Whalen seconded

Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes, Eddy: Yes

Motion Passed

- I.** Eddy **Motioned** to accept the Kawkawlin River Treatment; this is something we already pay for. This is just information that we will be doing it.

Whalen seconded

Eddy: Yes, Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused

Motion Passed

- J. We have a resident that is looking to have a double trash assessment taken off her property that's been on there for years without having the trash cans.
Eddy **motioned** to remove second assessment from property
Whalen seconded
Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused, Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes
Motion Passed
- K. We have had proposal from the Road Commission about road signs for Kawkawlin Township that allow people to see when they are in Kawkawlin's jurisdiction.
Eddy **motioned** to purchase signs and have the Bay County Road Commission install.
Whalen seconded
Campbell: excused, Kruse: excused, Eddy: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Whalen: Yes
Motion passed
- L. There is an estimate from 2022 for sewer lines from Bay Plastics to Russel Rd.
Eddy **motion** to pursue further estimates for the sewer line.
Whalen seconded
DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Whalen: Yes, Campbell: excused
Motion passed
- M. The Noon Optimist Club has requested a discounted cost on rental of the hall for the Camel race event that they have had for several years.
Eddy **motioned** that we continue as usual for the Noon Optimist Club.
DeShano seconded
Campbell: excused, Whalen: Yes, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused
Motion passed
- N. We are getting more into times. We had Joslyn Jamrog propose an offer to run a Facebook page that will not only inform the public but give the public a more positive impact with the function of Kawkawlin Townships happenings.
Eddy **motioned** to hire Joslyn Jamrog as an administrator over our Facebook Page.
DeShano seconded
Whalen: Abstained, DeShano: Yes, Eddy: Yes, Kruse: excused, Campbell: excused
Motion Passed

14. **FYI** –We have had a lot of inquiries about use of the ball fields. They have some needs and want to ensure this season runs smoothly. Possible funding needed to get the ball fields in the shape they need to be for the players.

The sheriff reports they have had 175 calls this month so far.

Brad **motion** to accept sheriff report

DeShano seconded

Motion passed

15. **Public Input:** Mark Lukowski 1943 Huron Rd. I consider dirt blowing into my yard from the neighbor's yard across M13 from his house all the time to be blight, is there something that can be done about it?

Troy McCormick 207 Spring St. Why did the trash service take away my small, wheeled trash can? Eddy informs Mr. McCormick that per the Township's Ordinance, businesses do not get small containers for trash, They have to get a dumpster for businesses.

16. **Motion to adjourn the meeting**

Brad motion to Meeting adjourned

DeShano seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, 7:30 pm