

Board Meeting
May 11, 2026 6:30 PM
Kawkawlin Township Board

1. Eddy calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Whalen, DeShano, Eddy, Campbell / Waldee-Absent
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Eddy motion to amend to add Road Commission contract and transparency resolution under old business
 - b. No 2nd
 - c. Eddy motion to approve agenda as is
 - i. 2nd: Campbell
 - ii. All in Favor: Yes
4. Public Comment (Agenda Only)
 - a. Justin Enfield 201 Mabel
 - b. Melissa Enfield 201 Mabel
 - c. Jeremy Blohm 2110 Fraser Rd
 - d. Mark Cookenmaster 209 S 2nd
5. Department/Committee Reports
 - a. Fire Department – Chief Bernreuter

Approval from board to hire two more full time. Received 22 resumes, narrowed down to 3 people. Interviewing on Wednesday, will be observing two officers and two senior officers before deciding who to hire. Hope to have them ready to go by June. Sean Burke has been with us for 3 years and will be one of the full-time hires. Hose testing completed last week lost 2 sections of 2.5 inch, 1 section of 1.5 inch, and 2 sections of 5 inch. Have bids together for new stuff to replace what was lost. DNR 50/50 grant is out, need to determine what to get. Apparatus bay lighting was completed on May 6th. State of MI came out with a grant of up to \$50,000 just sent in for it, hoping to get a new air boat that was tested Saturday. Will be discussing Aflac coverage during New Business.
 - b. Sheriffs Report
 - c. Parks & Recreation

Eddy reads: met on May 4th, discussed upcoming events, park improvement ideas, and volunteer opportunities for the community. Upcoming event, Diamonds for Mom (05/09-10). Pickleball court conversion strap for the net to be modified (\$75) Invest in your community volunteer day proposal potentially in coordination with the RiverDawgs clean up event planned for June. Projects include spreading mulch and weeding playground areas, repairing horseshoe pits replacing boards and adding sand, painting pavilion and picnic tables, tree trimming, and general grounds clean up, trash pickup and weed removal

throughout the park. Requesting board feedback regarding support for the event, some supplies and materials would likely be needed to complete the work. Also suggested several long term park improvement ideas for board consideration: replacing missing swings, possibility of adding a handicap accessible swing or other inclusive playground feature, installing nets on soccer goals currently stored in parking lot and relocate them to the grass and play area, establishing a temporary marked walking path with distance markers, developing a park map highlighting available park amenities,

Campbell: the S-Hooks on the swings were dangerous and have to be replaced. People have been lowering the existing nets on the tennis court to play pickleball, zero cost solution.

DeShano: had issues with net last year, not sure how old the net is.

Eddy: unsure of the exact date for the cleanup

d. Building Report (March and April)

New permits: 12 building, 2 plumbing, 8 electrical, 2 mechanical

e. Zoning/Building Administrator's Report – Tom Reif (Zoning Administrator)

Took many calls to answer questions, approximately 125 a month. Issued 8 zoning permits, one still pending, denied 3. Drafted explanation reports for each and provided them to the ZBA since all 3 are going to be requesting variances. Aware of two requests for variances that I had not seen, one is going before the planning commission. Special use permit attached to map, application is missing. Requested additional fees for a commercial site plan review. They were only charged for a residential site plan review, the difference is \$450 this has been paid. Worked with Bay County equalization to get tax maps for Linwood and Brissette Beach to determine lot sizes, while doing this, found a vacated road. This has been forwarded to assessor for review. 20 alleged violation addresses, 7 had no violations, 13 addresses sent notices by certified mail. 5 of those complied, 4 were returned undelivered. Revised them, were hand delivered by Sheriff's deputy last weekend. 4 found to still be non-compliant as of today. Reports have been drafted and are ready for the township attorney. Compliance and non compliance have been documented with photos. Researched placement of modular homes, waiting for zoning permit application. Attended April 16th planning commission meeting. Worked with Don Hamilton on Tall Grass and Weeds ordinance. Worked on commercial site plan review for proposed Marathon Gas station.

DeShano: Motion to approve department and committee reports

2nd: Campbell

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

6. Treasurers Report

Eddy: some of the payments out, were those old meetings?

DeShano: yes, they never cashed the checks, need to be voided.

Eddy: Motion to accept treasurers report

2nd: Whalen

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

7. Supervisors Report – Eddy

Attended MTA conference April 20-23, sessions: Mapping Money, Strengthening and Streamlining Financial Oversight, Does the Township Need to Act: Hot legal topics facing townships in 2026, The Perfectly Imperfect Leader, Budget Like a Pro, Zoning Strategies and Affordable Housing, Managing Civil Rights Complaints. Another important topic was the Tobico Marsh Regional Drainage and Coastal Resiliency Culvert Project, developed by EGLE, Bangor Township, and engineers at EMCOG conference. Proposed concept would create a controlled outlet between Tobico Marsh and Saginaw Bay to reduce hydraulic pressure, improved drainage, and restore more natural water movement. FEMA violations, final notice has been issued and multiple violations have been corrected, the remaining items are considered in progress. Attended recent planning commission meeting. Attended property transfer class at Bay City Building last Wednesday. Discovered on April 27, 2026 Joslyn Jamrog is no longer the township Facebook manager, duties turned over to the Deputy Clerk. Final road estimates received, paving projects total: \$208,844.07. Chip and Seal: \$77,541

Whalen: Motion to approve Supervisors Report

2nd: Campbell

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

8. Bills

a. Payroll

Campbell: Motion to accept payroll

2nd: Eddy

Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Eddy-Yes, Campbell-Yes

MOTION PASSED

b. Invoices

Campbell: one item included that should be removed for \$20, reimbursement for fuel that was on the credit card, ref #13908. Total would be \$71,377.18.

DeShano: worked with Megan (Deputy Clerk) on John Hancock. After speaking with Clerk (Waldee) need an allowable amount of \$12,500 to be safe

Campbell: Motion to pay pages 1-6 less item 13908 (\$20), and add item for John Hancock/Manulife not to exceed \$12,500, total bills: \$83,877.18

2nd: Whalen

Roll: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Eddy-Yes, Whalen-Yes

MOTION PASSED

9. Old Business

a. MI Class

DeShano: no intention of moving forward at this time

b. Linwood Beach Drainage Project Updates

Mark Spicer: moving forward getting easements drafted this week. Hearing concerns about project not happening this year. Should be able to get construction at least started before the end of the year.

DeShano: the agreement is signed and all set with the state. A lot of reporting to get done. Grant period started in October, have to do back reporting, monthly reports, and quarterly reports.

Mark: reached out to Tim Fitzgerald at Bay County Water and Sewer, asked if they do operation maintenance on storm water pump stations, they do.

DeShano: There are 55 homes, 41 catch basins, and 1 lift pump.

10. New Business

a. Recommendations from Planning Commission

DeShano: after looking at other townships' grass and weed ordinances. A lot of them are included in with the Noxious Weeds. Why we didn't move to amend the existing ordinance rather than starting from scratch.

Tom Reif: nothing wrong with Noxious Weeds Ordinance. Main concern in other municipalities is height of grass, this is what the proposed ordinance addresses.

Campbell: Bangor, Monitor, Fraser grass height is 8-10 inches. This one says 6 inches.

Whalen: can we change it from 6 inches to 9 inches?

Eddy: Motion for the ordinance to regulate tall grass and weeds to approve this in its entirety with the changing of 6 inches to 9 inches of grass or weed height.

2nd: Whalen

Roll Call: Eddy-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes

MOTION PASSED

Eddy reads: Kawkawlin Township Board Resolution to approve the addition of a Village Mixed Use District in the village area sections 1-5 of the Township

Campbell: Motion to table this, only given to the board today, review has not taken place

2nd: DeShano

Roll Call: DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Eddy-No, Whalen-No

MOTION FAILS

Whalen: Motion to send packet for legal review

2nd: Eddy

Roll Call: DeShano-Yes Campbell-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Eddy-Yes

MOTION PASSED

b. Ordinance Violations

Whalen: Motion to approve 3 ordinance violations from Tom to send to Trent for review and proceed with legal for enforcement

No 2nd

Roll Call: Eddy-Yes, Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes

MOTION PASSED

c. Heiden Contract (Point to Point)

Eddy: talked to Brian Waldee today, he said last week that he thought it was a contract to get internet to the hall for the election. He said it was board approved. This contract was an honest mistake.

DeShano: this is for Wi-Fi at the hall, this was an estimate for \$7,000, received on April 28th and signed the same day. This is something I've been working on since last summer.

Whalen: Motion to approve Point to Point with Supervisor and Clerk signing off on new contract.

2nd: Eddy

Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Eddy-Yes

MOTION PASSED

d. Aflac (Fire Department)

Chief Bernreuter: start out with Aflac for new hires. Four things: cancer, accident insurance, line of duty benefit rider (\$1.74 add on), and hospital. For myself: \$122.72. Captain Bouchard: \$130.78. Sean Burke: \$115.44. New hire will be somewhere between myself, and Sean based on his age. Monthly total: \$491.66. 12-month total: \$5,899.92, round up to \$6,000 for the four employees. Able to throw in \$3,000 from Fire Department budget, if you [the board] wants to give \$3,000 from your budget. Cancer coverage: after pathologist diagnoses, they pay out \$5,000, anything after that is based on chemo and radiation treatment.

Hospital coverage: \$500 first time payoff. \$500/day, ICU is \$100/day

Campbell: Motion to provide the Fire Department with Aflac as quoted, and split the cost \$3,000 from general fund \$3,000 from special assessment annually

2nd: DeShano

Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, Eddy-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes

MOTION PASSED

e. PAFRS (Fire Recovery Service)

DeShano: working with Steve (Fire Chief), this takes on cost recovery billing and pursues them. Cost to us is 15% of what they recover.

Chief: we have a cost recovery ordinance. For non-Township residents: \$450 for the truck and \$25/hr per person. This year billed out \$48,000 in recovery ordinance, got back \$15,000, double what we used to get. No cost to try it.

DeShano: they will also do our old billing, minimum of 2 years previous, maximum of 7 years based on the statute of limitations.

DeShano: Motion to partner with PAFRS for cost recovery billing for the period of one year at 15% with Fire Chief and Treasurer to sign contract.

2nd: Whalen

Roll Call: Eddy-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes

MOTION PASSED

f. Roadside Mowing Services (Duke Fischer)

Eddy reads bid for roadside mowing, \$5,175 per cut for 2026 for shoulder mowing. Currently cutting twice per year, spring and fall. In 2025 a summer cut was also added. Due to the current price of fuel, a surcharge may be added if fuel continues to rise. All certificates of liability insurance will be provided to the township prior to the beginning of mowing.

Eddy: Motion to approve the two cuttings for \$5,175 and the third be board approved if needed

2nd: Whalen

Roll Call: DeShano-Yes, Eddy-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Whalen-Yes

MOTION PASSED

g. Approval for Treasurer to contact Legal-Taxes

DeShano: need to work with legal to collect delinquent personal property taxes that are owed to the township per my statutory duties.

Whalen: Motion to approve Treasurer to be able to contact legal per taxes

2nd: Campbell

Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Eddy-Yes

MOTION PASSED

h. Planning and Zoning ex officio members

Eddy: motion for the Treasurer DeShano to go on the Planning Commission

DeShano: not interested at this time

No 2nd: **MOTION FAILS**

DeShano: ask other board members if they're willing

Eddy: Brian Waldee was the one I wanted to ask

Whalen: with the elections coming up, he told me he would not be able

Eddy: nominate Brad Eddy for Planning Commission

DeShano: did you ask Trustee Campbell?

Eddy: Not interested

Whalen: Charles has a lot of experience and knowledge, what is the issue with Charles being on the Planning Commission?

Eddy: I don't like the influence he has brought to many items in the township.

Campbell: it's been proven that if there's something that is a conflict, I have abstained.

Eddy: moving on

DeShano: we're leaving the Planning Commission without representation

- i. Upcoming Election Help (Kathy, Kayla, Pam)
Whalen: Motion to hire Kathy, Kayla, and Pam for the upcoming two elections
2nd: Eddy
Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Eddy-Yes
MOTION PASSED
- j. New Election Commission
Whalen: spoke with Brian [Waldee] today and he is okay with the way the board's going now if they're willing to volunteer again, and I am
Whalen: Motion to approve Trustee Whalen and Trustee Campbell for the next two elections for the election committee
2nd: DeShano
Roll: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Eddy-Yes
MOTION PASSED
- k. Linwood Pickle Festival
Garrett: bringing back Linwood Pickle Festival. Rented the park, have a list of things going on, August 13-16th. Four nights of entertainment, car show, Jeep rally, 5k run, youth baseball tournament. Have liquor license in place. Need to be considered a non-profit organization with bingo license.
Campbell: Motion to have the Clerk sign millionaire qualification form
2nd: Eddy
Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Eddy-Yes, Campbell-Yes
MOTION PASSED
Campbell: Motion to have Clerk sign charitable game ticket license application
2nd: Eddy
Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, Eddy-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes
MOTION PASSED
- l. Linwood Scenic Sanitizer
Eddy: sanitizer keeps getting stolen, there is a lock system for \$25/ea
Campbell: lost 4 units so far
DeShano: Motion to remove sanitizer
2nd: Campbell
Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Ed-No
MOTION PASSED
- m. Dugouts (Hans Kloha)
Whalen: Hans expressed that he would like the 2 dugouts to be the priority, he's raised \$4,100 so far. \$6,742 total for the dugouts, thought we would split the cost with him, round up to \$7,000 and give him \$3,500 towards the cost.
Whalen: Motion to approve dugout and splitting with Hans and his donation of \$3,500 from the township.
2nd: Eddy

Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Eddy-Yes, DeShano-Yes

MOTION PASSED

11. Public Comment

Matt Woods 1692 E Beaver Rd

Jeremy Blohm 2110 Fraser

Charles Campbell 525 S Huron

Justin Enfield 201 Mabel

Deb Knochel 1944 Mackinaw Rd

Tom Reif (Zoning Administrator)

Arnie Prime 1795 Beaver Rd

12. Adjournment

Eddy: Motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM

2nd: Whalen

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED.