

Board Meeting
June 8, 2026 6:30 PM
Kawkawlin Township Board

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Whalen, DeShano, Eddy, Waldee, Campbell
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Eddy: Amend to add LCIC Gaming licenses (11-N) and Parks and Rec Board request for community park clean-up day (11-O)
 - DeShano: Motion to amend as stated
 - 2nd: Whalen
 - All in Favor – Yes
 - **MOTION PASSED**
 - Eddy: Motion to approve agenda
 - 2nd: Waldee
 - All in Favor – Yes
 - **MOTION PASSED**
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 04/13/26
 - Campbell: Motion to approve 2nd: Eddy All in Favor – Yes
 - **MOTION PASSED**
 - 04/27/26
 - Campbell: Motion to approve 2nd: Whalen All in Favor – Yes
 - **MOTION PASSED**
5. Public Comment
 - Jeff Klass 1371 E Beaver
 - Lisa Eurich 2890 2 Mile Rd
 - Don Hamilton-Lapham Associates
6. Department/Committee Reports
 - a. Fire Department (Chief Bernreuter)

Full timers have started. Going to start flushing hydrants early. Need to do door maintenance, should be a yearly thing. Blood drive, June 23rd at hall, between four other departments. Regional AFG grant has been turned in for handheld radios, approximately \$2,000 on our end. Put in for grant with Indians, they get 2% we put in for mobile radios. Had their first drawing for money, we got \$40,000. Decided at North Chiefs meeting that it would be split amongst us (\$10,000/ea), 3 more rounds of drawings. Money being placed in a CD. Put in for DNR grant, 50/50 need new sets of turn-out gear and new boots, usually get it every year.

b. Sheriff's Report

239 total calls / 51 traffic stops

c. Parks and Recreation (Eddy)

Park cleanup being put together, speaking on items needed throughout the park during New Business (O)

d. Building Report

e. Zoning Administrator Report

Eddy: Had court last week, had two successful events with consent agreements
Trent Cunningham (Township Attorney): Able to resolve a majority of the issues by sending letters or notifying the property owners and they were brought into compliance. Handful of properties needed more, worked with Supervisor Eddy, two that had hearings were mostly compliant but still had items to be taken care of, and decided to pursue judgements against them. Did so in a way that if they cleaned up the property, they would not be liable for fines and costs rather than a hardline approach. Third matter is set for a hearing in July, Eddy has been working with them and will likely be resolved and we discussed a dismissal. If properties with judgements don't comply, we can enter the property and remove blight that is in violation of township's ordinance. The township would bill them back for costs as well as their fines and costs, a lien would be placed against the property if costs go unpaid.

Eddy: Four more coming up on the 15th that will be getting citations if they don't comply.

Don Hamilton (Building Administrator): Since Tom [previous Zoning Admin.] left has handled a few calls and looked at the application permit for an addition on Beaver Rd, signed it. Matt (Planning) asked to look into storage buildings on Linwood Rd, getting another set of plans to look through

Eddy: Motion to accept reports

2nd: Whalen

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

7. Supervisors Report (Eddy)

Recent court proceedings concluded with favorable outcomes with consent judgements on both matters. Excitement surrounding Linwood Pickle Festival. Resolutions being presented to the board regarding employee protection and workplace conduct. Board should consider rescinding Transparency Resolution.

8. Treasurers Report (DeShano)

Still a few checks to be voided, they were in last tax year, different process since they are payroll checks from October and November.

Eddy: Motion to accept supervisors report and treasurers report

2nd: Waldee

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

9. Bills (Waldee)

- a. Payroll: Megan (Deputy Clerk) has handled the transition of payroll to direct deposit

DeShano: Motion to accept payroll

2nd: Eddy

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Invoices: There was a duplicate bill sent in that was not caught until reviewing, there is a discrepancy. Bill pay amount: \$105,244.34

Whalen: Motion to approve invoices as presented for \$105,244.34

2nd: Eddy

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

MOTION PASSED

10. Old Business

- a. Delinquent Personal Property Tax Update

Trent: Board authorized our office to work on at the last meeting, it's moving along. Draft letters that came back to the township, nothing sent yet. Seeking approval to work with our office on seizure if necessary, and what the steps entail. Nothing has changed since last meeting, work is still in progress from within our office. Seeking a motion to advance forward by working with you [the board] for anything that's necessary for seizure if necessary.

Campbell: Motion for Treasurer to work with law office to proceed as necessary and if seizure is necessary, they will take care of the necessary paperwork so that seizure can be legally done.

2nd: Whalen

Campbell: If we go to collections, would the individual be responsible for collection fees?

Trent: My understanding is that you send a notice and there's a period of time where they could pay back delinquent taxes before seizure. Once it goes to seizure, not familiar with the steps, people in our office are working with Laurie (Treasurer) on that.

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Linwood Beach Project Update

Mark (Spicer): Working on getting easements drafted over the last month. Met with Tim Fitzgerald at Bay County Dept of Water and Sewer, so that when we finalize designs and everything it'll be equipment, he's familiar with and would have spare parts for the pump station. Getting permitting process with DNR and

EGLE moving along. Once easements are drafted, getting with Trent and his group to get final easement document, they would do the legal document and we would do the description.

11. New Business

- a. Approval for Spicer to work with Township Attorney for Linwood Beach Project
Trent: Office approached by Spicer this week to assist with the easement acquisition part of the project. Understanding that Spicer would be taking the lead as to the initial easement acquisition, would be using our office for help with issues that arise, pulling deeds, and drafting deeds and easements as necessary for the project. Understanding this could be paid for out of the state appropriation grant funds that the township does have. Would function more as a reimbursement. Has a group in the firm that does this type of work and works with Spicer often. Seeking a motion to authorize legal counsel to work with Spicer on the easement acquisition project for Linwood Beach. Rough estimate ran with colleagues would be \$15-20k could be closer to \$10k. Will confirm that the grant funds can be used this way, understand that it could be and frequently is.

Eddy: Motion for Spicer to work with township attorneys for the easement acquisitions for South Linwood Beach project.

2nd: Whalen

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

MOTION PASSED

- b. Fire Chief Resolution

Campbell: Options are \$65,000, 70,000, and 75,000. I believe we should contemplate option 3

Eddy: Motion to accept option 3 for \$75,000

2nd: Whalen

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

MOTION PASSED

- c. Fire Chief Recommendation

Eddy reads recommendation letter for full time hire to Kawkawlin Township Fire Department: Tavin Toporski.

Campbell: Motion to hire Tavin Toporski

2nd: DeShano

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

MOTION PASSED

- d. KCI

DeShano: Estimate for summer taxes and newsletter

Eddy: Motion to approve KCI bill \$3,331.60 including postage.

2nd: Whalen

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

MOTION PASSED

e. Metro Act

Trent: Board authorized our office to work on a Metro Act permit, have not heard back since we approached them and the timeline for processing the application has not yet started. The board is not required to take action at this time since the timeline has not started.

DeShano: to clarify, it's a 40-day window once application is completed and accepted, then there are fines from the state if we do not act on the application.

Trent: yes, but they have not submitted a final application yet, timeline has not started.

Campbell: Motion to table to Metro Act and revisit next month.

2nd: Whalen

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

f. Hiring Zoning Administrator

Whalen: Large public outcry to not pay someone \$50/hr. Found someone that is a local citizen and willing to work, prior experience on ZBA. Troy McCormick.

Whalen: Motion to hire Troy McCormick as our Zoning Official

2nd: DeShano

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

MOTION PASSED

Whalen: Motion to hire Troy [McCormick] under contractual agreement from previous Zoning Administrator.

Eddy: 2nd

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

MOTION PASSED

g. Planning Commission Member

Eddy: Motion to have Laurie DeShano on the planning commission

2nd: Whalen

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

MOTION PASSED

h. Road Agreements (Paving, Chip and Seal, Chloride)

DeShano: Ernest (0.10 mile) can still move forward with the ultra-thin, to be voted on. Seidlers Rd in poor condition. Given the option to make it a gravel road, they [BCRC] are willing to give us options: crush and shape and add gravel as necessary, double chip and seal next year, or just maintain as gravel road with no cost to the township. Any cost would be prorated if we decide to move forward within the next 3 years with any further work on it. Received estimate for Fraser Rd: 5 miles long, have chip and seal estimate from Beaver to Linwood this year for all 5 miles, just slightly higher than the quote to do 1 mile of paving. Other

chip and seal options: Cottage grove between 7 and 8 mile or River between Mackinaw and M-13 (1.5mi) could use help on the sides. Ernest still going to continue.

Campbell: The savings from Cottage Grove (\$31,183) and Seidlers (\$118,111) will pay for 5 miles of Fraser Rd.

Campbell: Motion for Ernest Street to be ultra-thin asphalted for \$17,507.76, Fraser Road from Beaver to Linwood, for chip and seal \$151,912, River Road for chip and seal \$46,357, Seidler gravel at the expense of road commission, Chloride \$1,348 all on one contract from Road Commission being signed by Brian Waldee and Brad Eddy

2nd: Whalen

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

MOTION PASSED

i. Land Splits and Combination

Eddy: PA116 for G and C Meyland LLC

Eddy: Motion to accept G and C Meyland LLC's PA116 application

2nd: Waldee

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

MOTION PASSED

Eddy: Kawkawlin Township Parcel Combination Form, for Michael and Lindsey Learman at 515 S Linwood Beach Rd, they have two parcels

Whalen: Motion to approve this as long as the assessor adds a print when he's in the office Thursday.

2nd: Waldee

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

MOTION PASSED

j. Custodial RFP

DeShano: Since Dennis Finn put in his two weeks, we are working with one person (Kyle Jeske) who has another job with a difficult schedule. Option for fill-in work. Are we doing an RFP or bringing someone in temporarily? We have a lot of rentals this month.

Whalen: can we hire someone temporarily while we get an RFP together?

Campbell: something to consider, need a phone number for someone to reach in case of emergency. Personally believe, the board should do a random rotation to be available.

Whalen: Motion to find someone currently through the end of the month. Post on social media, website, and Pinconning Journal put out for RFP or applications for cleaning.

2nd: Eddy

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

MOTION PASSED

- k. Damaged Sign Estimate: Klender Deesign

Eddy: Received damage to our sign outside from windstorm

Campbell: Motion for \$1,261.80 for sign to be repaired

2nd: Eddy

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

MOTION PASSED

- l. Kawkawlin Township Resolution: Rescind Transparency Resolution

Eddy: Motion to accept township resolution rescinding the Township

Transparency Resolution, to make things fair for the board.

Eddy: Bringing this resolution forward has been recommended by MTA and our legal counsel.

2nd: Waldee

Whalen: How has this not been effective? If you bring the motion to the board [to contact attorneys], it can be approved.

Eddy: Have asked for itemization of who is making the calls on the bills

Trent: the bills are drafted in a way to avoid disclosing attorney client privilege

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

MOTION FAILS

- m. Kawkawlin Township Resolution Establishing Policy Against Threats, Intimidation, Retaliation, and Violence in Township Government

Eddy: Reads Supervisor Memorandum, respectfully requesting the adoption of the attached resolution. Reads statement regarding need for resolution

Eddy: Motion to accept the resolution

Whalen: How would this be enforced?

Eddy: Enforced through law enforcement, it's constitutional

Whalen: MSP is great with community, but not great with the board, they don't want to be involved with politics

DeShano: This type of situation would be best incorporated into an updated employee handbook, there is a working draft, this could be incorporated into that.

- n. LCIC resolution for charitable gaming licenses

Whalen: Motion to approve LCIC for pickle fest

2nd: Eddy

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

MOTION PASSED

- o. Parks and Recreation board request for funds

Eddy: will need funding for supplies for park improvement clean up. Mulch:

\$1,050 Paint: \$478 Paint supplies: \$100 Sand, for horseshoe pits: \$32 Wood, for horseshoe pits: \$136. Christmas tree planning, planting live tree \$550-\$760.

Back-up option: tube cemented in the ground, approximately \$200 plus labor.

Whalen: Motion to approve \$2,000 for summer cleanup

2nd: Waldee

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

MOTION PASSED

Whalen: Motion to make tables match bleachers, green gloss paint

2nd: DeShano

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

MOTION PASSED

Whalen: Motion for \$900 for 7-8ft permanent tree installed

2nd: Waldee

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

MOTION PASSED

12. Communication

a. Agenda Resolution

Whalen: This was designed so we would communicate more with each other

13. Public Comment

Jeremy Blohm 2110 Fraser

Mike Welmerink 209 Guy St

Artie Prime 1795 Beaver Rd

Jim Ploechl 201 Ernest St

Mike Welmerink 209 Guy St

Jeff Klass 1371 Beaver Rd

14. Adjournment

Eddy: Motion to adjourn at 8:51PM

2nd: Whalen

All In Favor: Yes

MOTION PASSED

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday July 13, 2026 6:30PM