

Board Meeting
July 13, 2026 6:30 PM
Kawkawlin Township Board

1. Campbell starts with Pledge of Allegiance
2. Campbell calls meeting to order
3. DeShano: Statutorily, the Clerk is next in line to moderate the board meeting
4. Roll Call: Campbell, Whalen, DeShano, Waldee / Eddy-absent
5. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Campbell motion to modify agenda
 - b. 2nd: DeShano
 - c. Campbell to move closed session to 12-L.
 - d. All in Favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
 - e. Campbell motion to approve agenda
 - f. 2nd: DeShano
 - g. All in Favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
 - h. **MOTION PASSED**
6. Approval of Minutes
 - 05/11/26: Whalen: Motion to approve, 2nd: Waldee, All in Favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
MOTION PASSED
 - 06/08/26: Campbell: Motion to approve, 2nd: Whalen, All in favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
MOTION PASSED
7. Public Comment:
 - a. Ken McConnell 760 S. Mackinaw Rd
 - b. Jeremy Blohm 2110 Fraser
 - c. James Campbell 885 Mackinaw
 - d. Melissa Enfield 201 W. Mabel
 - e. Ken McConnell 760 S. Mackinaw Rd
 - f. Suzanne Gammon 1139 Brissette Beach Rd
 - g. Justin Enfield 201 W. Mabel
 - h. Ken McConnell 760 S. Mackinaw Rd
 - i. Heidi Szapalou 111 Guy St
 - j. Ken McConnell 760 S Mackinaw Rd
8. Department/Committee Reports
 - a. Fire Department (Chief Bernreuter)
 - i. Engine 14 had a low tire on 20th, they're all due to be replaced in the Fall. New HT has arrived. Pagers that need to be repaired. Blood Drive: had 15 people, 6 personnel from FD. Want to order paint sprayer from Amazon (\$47) wash out on main drive of FD replaced 4-5 years ago, another hole getting worse. Phone in squad room needs to be fixed. 8/24 will have car

seat safety inspection at fire station. Spoke with Brad and Laurie about Garfield Fire Station, need help. Have a number in mind that would more than cover the cost of personnel and fuel cost for the truck. They only run on average about 10 calls/month. Bio-Care coming up in September, yearly. Full Time guys working out well, has been a rough couple of months, since May. Fire recovery has gotten 4 checks so far in the last two months. At 35 calls for the month so far.

b. Sheriff's Report

- i. Waldee: 213 calls last month

c. Parks and Recreation – None

d. Building Report

e. Zoning Admin Report (Troy McCormick)

- i. Citations: 2601, 1327 and 24 Fraser Rd and 2601 River Rd. Spoke with owners to work with us, saved 2 lawsuits. 111 Guy St homeowner worked with me. 2220 Mosher Rd, grass height, made a big difference. Two home garage permits issued, met on 333 S Linwood Beach (24x36) Called DTE for a property on Huron Rd seven times, will revisit. Marijuana complaints, had one, issue was addressed. 7 Mile and Parish, 40 year “mess” all properties given 2 week notice, about a week into it now, will revisit. 1039 Brissette Beach. Put 127 miles on the car driving around to properties. Worked with title company regarding property on Wetters Rd that was sold for cash. There are 3 properties that I cannot reach: Marion St x Cottage Grove-fire hazard. Would like to get 3 bids for cutting crew for grass. Property on Huron Rd with defunct factory, allegedly from Frankenmuth. DTE Place have reached out 7 times. Would like to get bids for 3 cutting crews to fix issue and put the bill on their property taxes. DeShano: will check on grass and weed ordinance to see what is allowed before moving forward. Blohm: asked if these were the only complaints received since you took over? McCormick: there are a few more.

f. Campbell: Motion to accept reports

- i. 2nd: DeShano
- ii. All in Favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)

iii. MOTION PASSED

9. Supervisors Report – None

10. Treasurers Report (DeShano)

- a. Maturity came in, there is a balance that was added. Investments doing well. Tax bills went out timely. Payments starting to come in, summer is a slower start than Winter
 - i. Whalen: Motion to accept treasurers report
 - ii. 2nd: Waldee

iii. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent

iv. **MOTION PASSED**

11. Bills (Waldee)

a. Payroll

i. DeShano: payroll going smoothly with direct deposit.

ii. DeShano: Motion to approve payroll as submitted

iii. 2nd: Whalen

iv. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent

v. **MOTION PASSED**

b. Invoices

i. Waldee: bills include some end of June and July bills. Campbell: have to have something straightened out with John Hancock. Payroll automatically calculates 2% and we pay to them via EFT. DeShano: questions about road commission bill, concerns about “Build Better Roads.” Whalen: will likely end up owing \$30,000 on the next invoice. Campbell: deduct \$807.24 from road commission bill for Seidlers Rd. DeShano: questions about planning bill. Campbell: spoke with Don [Hamilton] regarding journals, needed addresses to make sure we’re not paying Troy [McCormick] twice for something that was already done. Hamilton: we had given monthly journals to the board. Campbell: journals didn’t indicate exact addresses. Found letters in Zoning office, not mentioned in journals. DeShano: this billing also includes Tom [Reif] and yourself [Don Hamilton], correct? Hamilton: yes. DeShano: concern is that if we don’t know who he spoke to or that if a zoning permit is in a file, we would like to have a copy so that we know where things had left off. Hamilton: there needs to be a better way of keeping records. Whalen: we had hoped that by hiring a professional that it would get better and more streamlined. The people before and after have kept substantially better records. Not trying to take away from the work he did.

ii. Campbell: Motion to accept the bills with modification of the \$807.24 and to approve the bills for \$232,148.01

iii. 2nd: Whalen

iv. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent

v. **MOTION PASSED**

12. Old Business

a. Metro Act (Trent Cunningham-Township Attorney)

- i. Received application, our office was engaged to help with this. There were a couple of changes to proposed agreement, they have accepted our changes. Provided the agreement that is in the packet. Recommendation would be that if the board would like to move forward with approval, that the motion would be to approve the Metro Act permit application from Metro Fibernet and you would authorize the clerk and another officer to sign the agreement on behalf of the township as well as authorize our office as legal counsel to work on executing a permit for that and to notify the Michigan public service commission as required by statute on behalf of the township.
- ii. Campbell: Motion to move forward with Metro Act permit for Metro Fibernet LLC with lawyer doing the final permit with authorized signatories being the Clerk and Treasurer.
- iii. 2nd: Whalen
- iv. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- v. **MOTION PASSED**

b. BCRC-Boutell Rd

- i. Whalen: Motion to have contract signed for Boutell Rd. for \$75,847 by Brad Eddy and Brian Waldee
- ii. 2nd: Campbell
- iii. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- iv. **MOTION PASSED**

13. New Business

a. AFG Grant

- i. Chief Bernreuter: Us, Bangor, and Monitor Township for airpicks. \$218,000 approximate cost for 18 air packs, we would only have to pay 10% of the total cost.
- ii. Whalen: Motion to approve AFG Grant and Memorandum for Chief and Fire Department
- iii. 2nd: Campbell
- iv. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- v. **MOTION PASSED**

b. Authorization for attorneys to pursue prior litigation/court orders

- i. DeShano: Motion to authorize the attorneys to work on that
- ii. 2nd: Whalen
- iii. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent

iv. **MOTION PASSED**

c. Planning Commission

- i. Trent(Attorney): Planning Commission considering 3 amendments to zoning ordinance. Reason for delay, our office had not completed the legal review. Our office has since completed the review and provided confidential legal opinion to the board on those three amendments. No opinion as to whether or not these are good policy choices for the township. There are specific requirements in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act for passing zoning amendments. Board is welcome to consider each of these amendments individually.
- ii. DeShano: concern about miscommunication in how those amendments progressed from planning to the office to the board to the attorney. We hadn't received anything until last minute previously.
- iii. Don: all three had been approved at previous [planning commission] meetings, before you [DeShano] had joined the planning commission.
- iv. Campbell: were definitions written for religious institutions?
- v. Don: No, not at this time.
- vi. Blohm: approved not allowing any religious institutions that goes against the constitution.
- vii. Don: if this was approved by the board, then the definitions would go in the zoning ordinance to clarify what is or is not permitted.
- viii. DeShano: based on the legal review, there are some serious legal concerns as written, in the amendments that were brought forward that open up potential legal problems. Don: all of the amendments? DeShano: yes, there were problems at every level. Concerned that this was pushed through very quickly. Mixed use district is a very big change to make to overall zoning, to rush it is concerning, there are unintended consequences. Feel that we have legal obligations to pause on moving forward until we have clarity on the terms and definitions.
- ix. Whalen: Motion to table until we look for the legal "pot holes" and get definitions.
- x. DeShano: 2nd
- xi. Roll Call: DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- xii. **MOTION PASSED**

d. Heiden – Computer Estimate

- i. Waldee: have two computers that are not compliant with Windows 11, Deputy Treasurer and Fire Department, based on what I've received.

- ii. DeShano: last time this came up, replaced the Treasurers and Assessors computers, all the rest would go to [Windows] 11, then found that the Fire Chiefs computer wouldn't take it, then lost track.
 - iii. Campbell: Motion to table
 - iv. 2nd: Waldee
 - v. All in favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
 - vi. **MOTION PASSED**
- e. Authorization to receive tax payments
 - i. DeShano: Motion to authorize, in addition to statutorily the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to receive tax payments at the front desk, not enter them into the system, as well as Trustee Campbell when the need occurs
 - ii. 2nd: Whalen
 - iii. Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes, DeShano-Yes / Eddy-Absent
 - iv. **MOTION PASSED**
- f. Cemetery – Maintenance/Clean Up
 - i. Campbell: met at the cemetery, cleaned up 11 trees in the front, now have grass by columbarium. Cemetery board would like to address weekly cuttings. Price to cut park: \$55/week, North Section: \$100 additional every two weeks. Enforce the ordinance, items not permitted, can have 12 in ring on grave or shepherd's hook. There are graves with several items on it that do not meet the ordinance, people are filing complaints that it does not look good. Post a sign on each entrance, put an article in the Pinconning Journal, the Facebook page. A sign that would be made to say, "It's clean up time, remove all unauthorized items within 14 days. Thank you, Heavenly Rest Cemetery, Kawkawlin Township." It's a touchy subject.
 - ii. Blohm: who interprets the opinion on what doesn't fit?
 - iii. Campbell: ordinance says, "one item per grave." Ordinance is law. There are graves throughout that are clearly in violation.
 - iv. Campbell: additional cutting in cemetery, park for \$55/week and North section for \$100/bi-weekly.
 - v. Whalen: Motion to approve cutting at \$310 extra per month for added on sections and by the columbarium where the trees were removed
 - vi. 2nd: DeShano
 - vii. Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, Campbell-abstain, DeShano-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
 - viii. **MOTION PASSED**
 - ix. Campbell: for the signs, shouldn't be more than \$30/ea, posting in Pinconning Journal, roughly \$100 and post to Facebook page.

- x. DeShano: cost for tags?
- xi. Campbell: will be separate, anything in violation after 14 days will be tagged. Vote separately.
- xii. DeShano: Motion for approximately \$160 for signs at each entrance and the posting in the Pinconning Journal and posting on Facebook page.
- xiii. 2nd: Whalen
- xiv. Roll Call: DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- xv. **MOTION PASSED**
- xvi. Campbell: for the tags, no price yet, will be printed on cardboard.
- xvii. DeShano: put in for an estimate for quarter sheets, approximately
- xviii. DeShano: Motion to approve ISD up to \$125 for tags for cemetery
- xix. 2nd: Whalen
- xx. Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent
- xxi. **MOTION PASSED**
- g. Custodial Hiring
 - i. Deshano: have two that have the experience we would be looking for. Would like to have conversations so that the requirements are clear.
 - ii. Megan (Deputy Clerk): I have spoken with each of the applicants, they know the requirements, hourly rate, they know everything.
 - iii. DeShano: two with the best experience in my opinion are Grace and Susan.
 - iv. Whalen: have them come in and interview.
 - v. DeShano: Motion to schedule interviews with Grace and Susan to see who would best fit the position
 - vi. 2nd: Whalen
 - vii. All in Favor: Yes (4) / Absent (1)
 - viii. **MOTION PASSED**
- h. DeHate Land Split
 - i. Whalen: Motion to approve DeHate Land Split
 - ii. 2nd: Waldee
 - iii. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes / Eddy-Absent
 - iv. **MOTION PASSED**
- i. Gwizdala Parcel Line Adjustment
 - i. Whalen: Motion to approve Gwizdala Parcel Line Adjustment
 - ii. 2nd: Campbell
 - iii. Roll Call: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Waldee-Yes, Campbell-Yes / Eddy-Absent

iv. **MOTION PASSED**

j. Budget Review

- i. Campbell: this is the second time a budget review has been requested to make sure we haven't exceeded what we should

k. Approval for legal to send letter to Fraser pursuing money owed for fire services

- i. Whalen: upwards of \$58,000.
- ii. Whalen: motion for legal representative to send letter requesting that this bill be paid, if no follow through, would like legal to follow through with legal action
- iii. 2nd: DeShano
- iv. Roll Call: Campbell-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-absent

v. **MOTION PASSED**

l. Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268(l)(h) of the Open Meetings Act (Steve Dennis)

- i. Waldee: Move to enter a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(l)(e) and MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss potential settlement options regarding Dennis versus Kawkawlin Township, case number: 26-3028-CZ and to discuss confidential written legal option from township attorney regarding the same. (8:17 PM)
- ii. 2nd: Whalen
- iii. Roll: Whalen-Yes, DeShano-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Waldee-Yes / Eddy-Absent

iv. **MOTION PASSED**

- v. DeShano: Motion to re-enter open session (8:29 PM)
- vi. 2nd: Campbell
- vii. All in Favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)

viii. **MOTION PASSED**

- ix. Waldee: Move to support stipulated consent judgement as presented to resolve the pending litigation in the Bay County Circuit Court, being the case of Dennis versus Kawkawlin Township case number: 26-3028-CZ and to authorize Township attorney to execute and sign a stipulated consent judgement on behalf of the township board.
- x. 2nd: Campbell
- xi. Roll Call: Waldee-Yes, Deshano-Yes, Whalen-Yes, Campbell-Yes / Eddy-Absent

xii. **MOTION PASSED**

14. Communications (none)

15. Public Comment (2 minutes)

- a. Matt Woods 6092 E. Beaver

- b. Jeremy Blohm 2110 Fraser
- c. Melissa Enfield 201 W Mabel
- d. Charles Campbell 525 S Huron
- e. Mike Welmerink 209 Guy St

16. Adjournment

- a. DeShano: Motion to adjourn at 8:49 PM
- b. 2nd: Whalen
- c. All in favor: Yes (4) Absent (1)
- d. **MOTION PASSED**