PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Minutes
August 10, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order 4:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance Pledge was recited.

Roll Call Present: Supervisor Steve Lang, Clerk Kate Szydlowski, and Treasurer Jennifer Wieczorkowski, and Trustees Mark Devers and Mary O'Neill.
Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Devers, supported by O'Neill, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

a. **Approval of the 7/13 Regular and 7/30 Special Meeting Minutes**
b. **Zoning Report – Lang**
c. **Museum Society Report – Rogers**
d. **Library Report – Rogers**
e. **Facilities Report – Bedard**
f. **PITFD Report – LaCross**
g. **EGLFD Report – Waterson**

Approval of Consent Agenda A motion was made by Devers, supported by Wieczorkowski, to approve the consent agenda as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Audience Comments (3-minute limit)

1. An audience member commented on the need for improvements to Shubert Highway. Lang responded that Shubert Highway is a local road and that a petition is circulating to establish a special assessment district for road improvements.

2. An audience member raised concerns regarding the use of bubblers around docks on Grand Lake during the winter, noting that they can create large areas of open water and pose a potential safety hazard. Lang stated that the Planning Commission has been reviewing the matter.

3. An audience member inquired about the hearing regarding Grand Lake's water level, which took place that afternoon. Lang indicated that he had not received an update.

Board Comments

Wieczorkowski asked for an update regarding the proposed crosswalks at the Portage Store and Range Light Park. Lang reported that the crosswalks are expected to be completed this year.

Wieczorkowski informed the Board that the lighthouse gift shop manager, Cindy Hudson, plans to retire from her position at the end of the season. She proposed restructuring the position next season to redistribute some of the manager's responsibilities. Wieczorkowski also discussed the possibility of attending a trade show to identify new products and vendors for the gift shop. Following discussion, the Board agreed to place the matter on next month's agenda.

Szydlowski reported that the primary election went well and thanked those who assisted. She stated that approximately 370 voters participated on Election Day, 92 participated in early voting, and approximately 300 absentee ballots were cast.

Szydlowski also reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee voted to have Lang move forward with seeking engineering services for the design of a new park. She informed the Board that the Committee will hold a special meeting on August 20 to gather community input. She also stated that a Labor Day picnic will be held at the New Lighthouse on Saturday, September 5.

Lang reported that he had been in contact with an engineer regarding the new park and that Facilities and Projects Manager Matt Bedard had applied for a wetlands evaluation through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

None.

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Public Hearing

a. **Hoffman Special Assessment Hearing on Objections to Special Assessment Roll and Warrant for Collection.**
b. **Blue Horizon Special Assessment Hearing on Objects to Special Assessment District.**

Hoffman Public Hearing: Lang opened a public hearing to receive comments and objections regarding the proposed Special Assessment Roll for the Hoffman and Hoffman First Addition Subdivision. Lang reported that no written objections had been received. With no comments or objections presented, the public hearing was closed.

The Board next considered Resolution No. 4, which was read aloud by Lang.

A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Devers, to approve the Special Assessment District for the Hoffman and Hoffman First Addition Subdivision. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board next considered the Warrant for Collection for the Hoffman and Hoffman First Addition Subdivision Special Assessment Roll, which was read aloud by Lang.

A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by Szydlowski, to approve sending the Warrant for Collection to the Township Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Blue Horizon Public Hearing: Lang next opened a public hearing to receive comments and objections regarding the proposed Blue Horizon Subdivision special assessment district. Lang reported that no written objections had been received. With no comments or objections presented, the public hearing was closed.

The Board then considered Resolution No. 3, which was read aloud by Lang.

A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Devers, to approve Resolution No. 3 for the Blue Horizon Road special assessment district. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

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Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

a. **Approval of Payables**
b. **Nonconforming Structures Ordinance**

Approval of Payables: The Board reviewed the payables summary presented by Szydlowski totaling $22,822.53.

A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by O'Neill, to approve the payables as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Nonconforming Structures Ordinance: The Board reviewed an amendment to the nonconforming structures provisions of the Presque Isle Township Zoning Ordinance. Lang reported that the proposed amendment had been submitted to Presque Isle County for review and that the County had no objection. He further reported that the amendment had also been reviewed by the Township's attorney and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, and that the Planning Commission recommended approval.

A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Devers, to approve the nonconforming structures amendment. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

An audience member asked when a proposed special assessment district for Shubert Highway would be considered by the Board. Lang noted that a petition representing at least 51% of the road frontage is required before the Board will consider the matter. He further noted that petition forms are available from the Township.

Audience Comments (3-minute limit)

1. An audience member asked about coordination with the Township regarding upcoming community holiday events. It was indicated that coordination of these events would be handled through the Parks and Recreation Committee.

2. Presque Isle Township Fire Chief Larry LaCross provided an update on grant applications. He stated that a grant application is being prepared for

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approximately $49,700 toward the replacement of structural firefighting gear that will reach the end of its service life next year under applicable NFPA standards. He further stated that the department is awaiting the outcome of a DNR grant application for wildland firefighting gear.

Adjournment 4:50 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:
Special Meeting: 8/27/26 at 10:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting: 9/14/26 at 4:00 p.m.