

**Bowne Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Bowne Township Historic Hall
Monday, March 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY WILCOX – SUPERVISOR
KAREN HENDRICK – CLERK
BONNIE LENT-DAVIS – TREASURER
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE
ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: CHRISTINA FISCHER – Deputy Clerk
ANDY VANDERZIEL – Fire Chief
LANI FORBES – Freeport Fire
JOE VERLIN – Gabridge & Co
KATIE WHEELER – Alden Nash
KRIS MEEKHOF – 84th Street
KIM CULBERTSON – Wingeier Ave
JEFF WHEELER – Alden Nash Ave SE
DALE RICHARDSON – 60TH St
DONNA BOLEMA – Kirby St
KALEB HUDSON – Candidate MI State Rep 78th District

Call to Order:

The Regular Board Meeting of the Bowne Township Board was called to order on March 23, 2026, at 7:10 p.m. at the Bowne Township Historical Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Ave SE, Alto 49302

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Member Flynn to approve the agenda. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Member Flynn to approve, as amended, the minutes of February 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Member Flynn to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Member Flynn to pay the monthly bills due and payable. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried.

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Bowne Township Fire Department: Chief Vander Ziel reported the department ran 16 calls total during the month of February 2026, 5 were fire related. The department training was ladders, brush fires and EMS.

Freeport Fire Department Report:

Freeport Fire Department made a total of 5 calls in the month of February (1 Fire, 2 Hazzard and 2 Public Service. The new truck is here.

Building Report:

PCI of Michigan issued 4 building permits during the month of February with a value of \$712,373.83.

Old Business:

Joe Verlin with Gabridge & Company presented our 2024/25 Audit.

A Motion by Member Hendrick to amend the 2025/26 Fiscal Year Budget with the following changes:

General Fund:	Increase of \$2,120.00 to Deputy Salaries and Wages
	Increase of \$1,200.00 to Membership and dues
	Decrease of \$4,520.00 to Maintenance of Roads
	Increase of \$1,200.00 to Historical Commission Electrical
Fire Fund:	Decrease of \$2,800.00 to Salaries and Wages
	Increase of \$1,100.00 to Cleaning Services
	Increase of \$1,700.00 to Utilities- Electric & Sewer

Supported by Member Flynn. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-04 – A Motion by Member Flynn to increase the annual salary, as of April 1, 2026, for the Bowne Township Supervisor fixed at \$43,833.92 for the Township Supervisor’s statutory duties. Supported by Member Flynn. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution Passed.

Resolution 2026-05 – A Motion by Member Flynn to increase the annual salary, as of April 1, 2026, for the Bowne Township Clerk fixed at \$48,787.15 for the Township Clerk’s statutory duties. Supported by Member Flynn. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution Passed.

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Resolution 2026-06 – A Motion by Member Flynn to increase the annual salary, as of April 1, 2026, for the Bowne Township Treasurer fixed at \$45,128.13 for the Township Treasurer's statutory duties. Supported by Member Hendrick. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Member Hendrick to increase the Assessor's wage to \$32,875.44. Supported by Member Flynn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Member Flynn to Approve the Budget for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried. Member Lent-Davis opposed. There was considerable discussion regarding the Historical Commission.

Resolution 2026-07 – A Motion by Member Flynn to impose a 12-month temporary moratorium regarding new or expanded data centers. Supported by Member Fuss. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Member Hendrick to table the discussion of consulting services of Maner Costerisan. Supported by Member Flynn. Motion Carried. Opposed: Lent-Davis.

New Business:

A Motion by Member Flynn to approve the Applied Innovation Managed Print Services Agreement for the Election Printer. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-08 – A Motion by Member Hendrick to rezone the property located at 11755 East Bear Meadows Drive SE., Permanent Parcel – Number 41-24-04-401-006 from the R-5 Manufactured Housing Community Zoning District into the R-3 Urban Residential Zoning District per Section 3.44 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance and Section 405 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Act 110 of 2006, as amended); and to amend the Bowne Township Zoning Map to reflect the changes of this rezoning and label accordingly. Supported by Member Flynn. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution Passed.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

Public Comments were received by Dale Richardson and Kim Culbertson

Board Member Comments: NONE

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Adjournment

Motion by Member Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Supported by Member Fuss. Motion Carried.



Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hendrick
Township Clerk