UNAPPROVED

May 19, 2026

A regular meeting of the Port Austin Township Board was held at the Township Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Debra Hubbard, Brian Hoody, Josh Zimmerman, Tyler Pettit
ABSENT: Jamie Strozeski

Motion by Josh Zimmerman, seconded by Brian hoody to approve the minutes of the regular Township meeting on April 21, 2026, as presented. Ayes all

Motion by josh Zimmerman, seconded by Tyler Pettit to approve the payment of bills as presented. Ayes all

Public Comment:

- Evelyn Conkright, canvasser for the county, thanked clerk for being on time for ballot container inspection
- Denise from Tip O Thumb had questions about a house fire in her neighborhood. Clerk will contact county to see if house has been condemned.
- Jay Laney talked about Public Act 233- for public assessment rules- renewable energy
- Commissioner Mary Babcock informed the board that the county has a wind ordinance in place and is working on a solar project/data center. There is a three-month moratorium on battery storage right now.
- Mike Anderson- Solar map of Michigan does not show good results for the state

FOIA request- None

Clerk let the board know that Port Austin will not be receiving any monies from the Public Safety Revenue Sharing this year based on our low crime rate.

Clerk gave an update on Central Huron Ambulance-

Trustee Zimmerman gave an update on the fire department. The department is still dealing with water issues and has not gotten a response from the village as to any repairs. They had seven grass fires and fifteen downed power lines. The annual fundraiser will be at Bird Creek Farms on June 21 this year.

Trustee Pettit gave an update on PAASWA- They will be putting in a water line on Prospect Street in the Village.

There was no police report.

Planning Commission will have a meeting on June 10th. Descriptions are back from the attorney, and they will be looking into a public notice for definitions.

Zoning- There were five permits that were reviewed. There was one permit that the board had some questions on. There was a discussion on the property on Copeland and how to proceed.

Resolution by Tyler Pettit, seconded by Josh Zimmerman to accept the interlocal agreement with Central Huron Ambulance as read, Roll call: Debra Hubbard-yes, Brian Hoody-yes, Tyler Pettit-yes, Josh Zimmerman-yes. Resolution passed.

A discussion was held regarding the connection to Consumers Gas. The board has previously agreed to go ahead with the connection, and Tyler will get a quote.

Motion was made by Tyler Pettit, seconded by Josh Zimmerman to get a debit card with the treasurer's name to be used for Quickbooks and Weebly. Ayes all

Discussion on garbage pickup in Tip O Thumb. Decision will be made at next meeting.

Motion by Tyler Pettit, seconded by Josh Zimmerman to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Ayes all.

Respectfully,

Debra Hubbard
Clerk/Port Austin Township
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