PENTWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD

PENTWATER COMMUNITY HALL

500 N. HANCOCK STREET, PENTWATER, MI 49449

Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes

10 September 2025 ZOOM Available for Audience

Supervisor Cavazos called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Cavazos, Flynn, Holub, Douglas, Murphy

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator & Ordinance Enforcement Officer,

Glenn Beavis, Deputy Clerk

Others Present:

Tom Roose, Jennifer Gwillim, Mark Sturr, Chris Karaptian

Present via Zoom: Barb Siok

Moved by Douglas and seconded by Flynn to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA - Review & Action

1. Prior Meeting Minutes:

a. Township Regular Board Meeting - August 13, 2025

2. Correspondence: None

3. Financial Reports for Period 8/1/25 thru 8/31/25

a. Claims/Bills as follows:

i. Township: \$3,672

ii. Road: \$99

iii. Cemetery: \$33,368 (Road improvements)

iv. Sewer: \$1,310

v. Fire: \$9,296

b. Payroll as follows:

i. Township/Road/Cem/Sewer: \$32,315

ii. Fire: \$0

Roll call vote:

Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy

No: None

Mc	tion: Carries	
None		PUBLIC COMMENTS
Supervisor Cavazos communicated the following:		SUPERVISOR'S
Superv	isor Report – September 10, 2025	REPORT
1.	The Pentwater Lake Association collects data on the quality of Pentwater Lake	
	and the stream/rivers that contribute water to the Lake. One of the readings	
	that is done is to test for E. coli levels whenever the levels are high for E. coli,	
	PLA notifies both the Township and Village, so we are aware. The readings	
	collected in August of this year, showed relatively high E. coli readings in the	
	creed at the 2 nd Street location and the Clymer location. This is not unusual	
	given the number of deer, geese and other wildlife that use the water in the	
	creeks. It also more common when we have had heavy rains that influence the	
	readings in the lake and the creeks.	
2.	Friends of the Pentwater Township Cemetery	
Sav	e the date for two upcoming events at the Pentwater Township Cemetery!	
Fa	Il Cemetery Tours – Theme: Maritime Memories	
	• Saturday, September 27, 2025: 2 tours available - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM	
	• Sunday, September 28 [,] 2025: 2 tours available – 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM	
3.	Update from Materials Management Committee	
	The Materials Management Committee, which includes representatives from	
	the 5-county consortium, met on Monday, September 8 th in Baldwin. I am one	
	of four representatives on this committee from Oceana County. We are	
	charged with coming up with a plan that meets the requirements established	
	by the State of Michigan by the 2027.	
	Currently, he major focus of the committee is to collect data from all the governmental entities in all 5 counties to determine what type of materials are	
	being collected and an understanding of who the "haulers" are that serve all 5	
	counties. WE are also trying to determine the location of landfills and what	
	recycling centers are being used	
4.	Mediation between Pentwater Township and Pentwater Village	
	We have a mediation appointment scheduled for Friday, September 12 th in	
	Grand Rapids. A team from the Township will be presenting our concerns	
	regarding the Township North and South Sewer System. The Village will also be	
	attending the mediation with a team representing the Village concerns. We are	
Clark N	hopeful that a settlement can be reached through mediation.	CLERK'S REPORT
CIELKIV	Iurphy reported the following:Glenn and I attended a two-day Bureau of Elections Conference last week to review	CLERK 3 KEPUKI
	upcoming changes to election law, get election related security and artificial	
	intelligence updates, network with other township election officials, and other	
	subjects. We each attended different breakout sessions to maximize what we got	
	out of the conference. Sessions included: O 2-part Election Security Workshop	

- Election Investigations (Michigan Dept of State, Office of Investigative Services)
- o Artificial Intelligence
- Navigating Bureau of Elections "eLearning" training website
- After the Polls Close Workshop
- Candidate Filing Process for Election Officials
- Surprise closing speech by Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
- Glenn and I also must finish our 2025 continuing Education for Election Officials by the
 end of year. We have already finished our first segment; we are now waiting on the
 Bureau of Elections to post our other training sessions online. As of yesterday, they still
 were not available. Hoping to get that done as soon as possible because a big take away
 from the Conference is that we will be having a lot training before the 2026 Election
 Cycle.

Cemetery

- I received a call from Ted Towl last week informing me that the trash receptacles at the cemetery were quite full. I corresponded with Chris Bailey, who was able to compact each of trash receptacles before he changes them out before the end of the season.
- Chris also mentioned that we should order a trash receptacle for Block 20 for next season, since we are selling more lots in that area and the amount of traffic is increasing.
- In Block 24, the hose has broken at least four times this season. Chris is not going to replace the spigot for the rest of this year. I suggested he at least put a watering can by the spigot while we figure out a solution to the hose issue.
- O The cemetery is a very busy part of the Township and the interesting issues that arise on a weekly basis definitely keeps me on my toes.

Contracts

- The Township has three contracts that will be expiring in 2026. I would like to start working on them as soon as possible, so they will not be an issue during the 2026 Election Cycle.
 - Republic Services for Transfer Station and Recycling Center and Fire Department – March 2026
 - 2. Ricoh Copy Machine August 2026
 - 3. Cintas November 2026

See Board Packet	TREASURER'S
	REPORT
The following reports were received and placed on file:	OTHER
• Library	DEPARTMENTAL
Fire Department	REPORTS
Recreation	Library, Fire
	Department and
	Recreation
The following Staff reports were received and placed on file:	STAFF REPORTS
 Deputy Supervisor, Zoning Administrator & Ordinance Enforcement Officer 	Zoning, Assessing,
 Assessor 	Cemetery,
Cemetery	Transfer Station
Transfer Station	

None	OLD BUSINESS
Motion by Cavazos second by Holub to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-12 : RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TOWNSHIP PAID SICK TIME POLICY (see Board Packet). This is in response to a recent Michigan State law entitled Earned Sick Time Act.	NEW BUSINESS a) RESOLUTION 2025-12: Paid Sick Leave Policy
Roll call vote:	
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	
No: None	
Motion: Carries	NEW BLICINESS P
Motion by Flynn, second by Murphy to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-10a: RESOLUTION APPROVING DISTRICT LIBRARY AGREEMENT	NEW BUSINESS b) RESOLUTION
Roll call vote:	2025-10a:
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	Pentwater
No: None	Township District
Motion: Carries	Library
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Motion by Douglas, second by Holub to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-10b: RESOLUTION	RESOLUTION
APPROVING ATTACHMENTS TO DISTRICT LIBRARY AGREEMENT	2025-10b:
Roll call vote:	Pentwater
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	Township District
No: None	Library –
Motion: Carries	Agreement
Motion by Cavazos, second by Douglas to adopt RESOLUTION 2025-10c: RESOLUTION APPOINTING INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS Roll call vote: Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy No: None Motion: Carries	RESOLUTION 2025-10c: Pentwater Township District Library – Initial Board Members
Motion by Douglas, second by Murphy to approve an Annual Service	NEW BUSINESS c)
Agreement with Adams Heating Cooling & Plumbing	Annual Service
Roll call vote:	Agreement with
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	Adams Heating
No: None	and Cooling
Motion: Carries	
Motion by Holub, second by Douglas to approve Tax Accounting services from Plante Moran at a rate of \$190/hr	NEW BUSINESS d) Accounting Services
Roll call vote:	Agreement with Plante Moran
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy No: None	riante Moran
Motion: Carries	
Motion by Murphy, second by Flynn to approve proposals from Ryan's Lawn Care for	NEW BUSINESS e)
Fall and Spring Cleanup Services at the Cemetery totaling \$9,108, and Township Hall snowplowing services at a cost of \$165/event.	Annual Service Agreement with Ryan's Lawn Care
Roll call vote:	ityan 3 Lawn Care
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	

No: None	
Motion: Carries	
Motion by Holub, second by Douglas to approve proposed Pentwater Township	NEW BUSINESS f)
Proclamation for Pentwater Service Club Citizen of the Year, Mr. Bart Zachrich. Award	Proclamation:
to be presented posthumously.	Pentwater Service
	Club Citizen of the
Roll call vote:	Year
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	
No: None	
Motion: Carries	
Motion by Douglas, second by Flynn to approve a 10% increase on select Zoning Permit	NEW BUSINESS g)
and Review fees. New fee schedule effective date is October 1, 2025. See Board Packet	Zoning Ordinance
for details.	Fee Structure
	Adjustment
Roll call vote:	
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	
No: None	
Motion: Carries	
Motion by Douglas, second by Holub to approve a 10% rate increase for users of	NEW BUSINESS h)
Township South Sanitary Sewer System. The new rate will be \$278.96/Quarter with an	RESOLUTION
effective date of September 30, 2025.	2025-11:
	Resolution to Set
Roll call vote:	Sewer Rates and
Yes: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn, Holub, Murphy	Charges for the
No: None	Public Sewer
Motion: Carries	System
None	PUBLIC
	COMMENTS
None	OTHER ITEMS
	FROM
	BOARD MEMBERS
Moved by Douglas, seconded by Holub to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM.	ADJOURNMENT
Motion carried via voice vote.	
	Notes taken by
	Deputy Clerk
	Beavis
Maureen Murphy, Township Clerk Date	