

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

October 1, 2026 7:30pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Rob Kowalski, Clerk Korey Kripli, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Trustee George Bodin (absent), and Trustee Dan Zettel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:

Allison and Quintin Thompson have resigned as the Assessors for Edwards Township effective September 31, 2026. The Department of Treasury sent a letter to Allison Thompson stating that they understand the assessing situation at Edwards Township and they are available if needed. Robert Kowalski sent an email to Will Gast asking who he should get in touch with since the assessor for Edwards Township has resigned and how to go about the 154 Form process. Will Gast replied that the 154 Petition process governed by MCL 211.154 is a vehicle to address omitted or incorrectly reported property for the current tax year and two prior tax years. The petition may be filed by either the assessor, equalization director, taxpayer or any third party and is done on a per parcel identification number basis. Will's email also stated that there are serious repercussions for not having an assessor of record, which will include assumption of the township's assessment roll.

Robert Kowalski stated that Dale Sheltrown stated in a previous meeting that the assessor must assess 20% of the properties in the township on an annual basis. Rob confirmed with Will Gast in the email that the 20% was a recommendation found in Bulletin 2 of the Property Inspection Bulletin. Rob also asked if the Supervisor is the Chief Assessor for the township. Will Gast stated in his email that the Supervisor is the Chief Assessor in statute, however, anyone signing the assessment roll must be certified.

Robert Kowalski stated that once Allison leaves, the township has 21 days to send a Corrective Action Plan to the Department of Treasury. Rob reached out to Randy Booth from Equalization. In the meantime, until the township can hire an assessor, Randy Booth will be helping to complete the 154 forms for the township. These need to be completed by December 31st. Rob stated that the township has posted an advertisement on the Michigan Assessor Association that has over 1200 assessors in the state of Michigan. The township has six applicants at this time.

A decision to hire a new assessor will be made at the next township meeting.

NOVEMBER ELECTION APPROVAL:

Korey Kripli - Clerk - Republican

Kimberly Glasser - Election Chair - Democrat

Michael Gring - Republican

Richard Stillwagon - Republican

Janet Groulx - Democrat

Linda Gring - Democrat

Bob Gring - Democrat

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve the election workers for the November 3, 2026 Election. Motion carried.

Public Testing will be held on October 20, 2026 at 9:00am at the Edwards Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Planning Committee Meeting: October 5 , 2026 7:00pm
- Township Board Meeting: October 12, 2026 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Dan Zettel to adjourn at 8:17pm. Motion carried.

Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk