EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2026 7:30pm

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

ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner Mark Surbrook (absent), Zoning Administrator Bob Clayton, and Deputy Treasurer Sydney Lademan (absent). Several residents of Edwards Township.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Robert Kowalski to approve the October 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections brought to the attention of the board by resident Dennis Stephens. Motion carried.

Corrections are as follows:

Last paragraph of “Supervisor Comments”.

“Jane Illig asked there to be a motion.” to “Jane Illig asked if the statement made by Trustee, Zettel was a motion.”

Last paragraph of “Randy Booth - Equalization”.

“The board received applications…” to “The Supervisor received multiple emails from potential assessors.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 1, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by George Bodin to approve the November 1, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by George Bodin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: N/A

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Clayton stated that he had zero permits for the month of October. The house on M-30 has been cleaned up and it has been a quiet month on his end.

SEXTON REPORT:

Mike Laier stated that he had a burial on the 24th. Two cemetery lots were purchased and the light timer at the cemetery needs fixed. Robert Kowalski stated that he would take care of it.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: N/A

LIBRARY UPDATE:

Korey Kripli stated that the new library director is doing well and there are no updates at this time.

PLANNING UPDATE:

The Planning Committee had a Public Meeting at 7:00pm before the normal township board meeting to discuss not allowing data centers to be built in Edwards Township.

TREASURER REPORT:

Eileen Fournier presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dan Zettel, supported by Korey Kripli to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve bills with Payroll Checks 10510 - 10525, Road Fund Check 1010, and Payable Checks 7809 - 7827. Total is $25,421.83.

Roll Call: Kowalski Y Kripli Y Fournier Y Bodin Y Zettel Y

Motion approved.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

There were two hall returns. The first hall return was to Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic for $150. The second hall return was to Denise Nault for $200. Total

was $350. Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve the hall returns. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS UPDATE:

Korey Kripli stated that the election went well. Kripli thanked all of his election workers and Kim Glasser for being the Election Chair.

MITIGATION MEETING:

Robert Kowalski attended a Mitigation Meeting with Mike Bowers who is the Emergency Manager for the county. This meeting was held to go over certain things regarding emergencies such as exit plans, supply chains, etc.

HALLOWEEN EVENT:

Robert Kowalski stated the Halloween Event at the Edwards Township Hall was well attended with over 250 people. Laura, the organizer of the event, donated $300. George Bodin donated $100 and Robert Kowalski donated $700.

George Bodin stated that the township board should put the Halloween Event on the budget for next year instead of Shop With a Hero.

Motion by George Bodin, supported by Eileen Fournier to reimburse Robert Kowalski in the amount of $500 for the Halloween Event instead of Shop With a Hero which was budgeted by the board.

Roll Call: Fournier Y Bodin Y Zettel No Kowalski Abstain Kripli No

Motion denied.

EAGLE VIEW:

Robert Kowalski stated that Roscommon County is using Eagle View for their flyover for assessing. The flyover will be done once a year. Ogemaw County does a flyover every five years. Randy Booth is urging the county to purchase Eagle View. The plan is to cost share with all of the townships. If the Commissioners vote no on acquiring Eagle View, Randy is going to see what it would cost the township to join Roscommon. Peter, the current assessor, is not worried about Eagle View at this time. His focus is on the 4154 forms.

QUICKBOOKS/MERCANTILE:

Robert Kowalski stated that the township is currently paying $340 per month for Quickbooks for payable services and $140 per month for Mercantile for payroll services. That is a total of $5760 per year which is still cheaper than BS&A.

PEST SOLUTION:

Robert Kowalski presented a flyer from a company for pest control involving mosquito and tick treatment in the Spring. Rob stated that he would need more information to see if the township would be interested in their service.

AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTRACT:

Korey Kripli stated that he is getting a lot of push back about Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control Northern Division from residents of Channel Lake due to the three applications not being applied on an annual basis consistently. Kripli stated that the residents are happy to pay for the spray in order to keep the lake in good condition to keep property values from decreasing. Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control Northern Division has failed to treat the lake all three times annually like the contract states.

Motion by Korey Kripli, supported by George Bodin to send the contract to the township attorney to review the contract in order to see if the board can null the contract with Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control Northern Division and receive bids for a new company to treat Channel Lake.

Roll Call: Fournier Y Kripli Y Kowalski Y Zettel Y Bodin Y

Motion carried.

FIRE CONTRIBUTION/RESOLUTION:

Robert Kowalski presented a resolution form that was given to him by the Fire Department. The township overpaid the Fire Department last year by $6,999 because the original contract was supposed to be SCV, but they used an equalization number instead. This year's contribution is $33,356 minus the $6,999 credit which will be a total of $26,357 for the contribution for Edwards Township.

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve $26,357 for our annual contribution to the Fire Department.

Roll Call: Kripli Y Kowalski Y Fournier Y Zettel Y Bodin Y

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Robert Kowalski stated that Peter, the new assessor, will be sending over a list of 50 parcels to the state tax commission of omitted property. Letters will be sent and they allow 7 to 10 days for residents to respond whether or not you are in agreement or not. Regardless if a resident approves or doesn't approve, all letters will go to the State Tax Commission. If you don't approve, a hearing will be set up with the State Tax Commission. Peter now has received the assessor laptop and has access into BS&A. The company is currently working on 4154 forms. Rob stated that the December Board of Review is for clerical error. Keep an eye out for letters from MI Assessing.

A resident spoke up about her tax situation. Robert Kowalski gave her information for the new assessor to solve her problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dale Sheltrown stated that the Amish would like to see some school signs created around the area where the new school was built. Robert Kowalski stated that he would reach out to the Ogemaw County Road Commission. Dale also commented that one of the Amish have had five different assessors come to his property in the last two years.

Mike Laier complimented the board on the great job they are doing with all the issues that have risen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- MTA Meeting: November 24, 2026 6:00pm @ West Branch Township Hall
- Township Board Meeting: December 14, 2026 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carried.

Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk