

GROUT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gladwin County, MI

August 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor J. Shea at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those attending.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK:

Members present: Supervisor: J. Shea, Clerk: D. Fritzler, Treasurer: M. Hill, Trustee: R. Christie, and Trustee: J. Beck.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Following review, J Beck moved to approve, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025 in full and August 8 (special meeting) with 1 correction: Resolution number should be "005". R Christie seconded motion. All ayes; 5-0, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: (as of July 31, 2025)

1. General Checking - \$274,518.50
2. Expense Account Balance- \$1,637.23
3. Income Received in June- \$36,269.11
4. CD Balance: Two Certificates of Deposit: 1 (\$156,539.58 matures March 14, 2026) and the second (\$150,000.00 matures January 12, 2026)

R. Christie motioned to approve treasurer's report as provided, J. Shea seconded motion. All ayes 5-0; motion carried

FIRE BOARD REPORT: (Adam Zdrojewski)

1. Fire Board met on August 6th, 2025
2. They discussed:
 - a. The need to purchase a new commercial washer (special for heavy weight material)
 - b. Fire Station Parking lot reseal
 - c. Twenty-seven Runs in July (plus 13 during power outage) – 7 in Grout Township (1 Personal Injury Accident, 2 EMS Assists and 4 smoke/cm alarms)

COMMISSIONER REPORT: (Commissioner T. Winarski)

1. Budget meetings still continue. Including committee for larger "funding" budget
2. Hazardous Waste Disposal Days were a success - ~~first 2 Saturdays in August~~ August 9th
3. Other township meetings: Pratt Lake – still concerned about low lake level. They are forming a board committee for lake improvement. Beaverton – will dredge lake before treating lake weeds

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. Woman's Expo October 24th & 25th, Hosted by Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce & the Beaverton Activity Center. Free to the public. Will be held at the Beaverton Activity Center. Vendor applications can be emailed to Carrie @ carrie@gladwincounty.com

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Following review, Clerk will remove BoR payment for J Shea and reissue new expense check for phone only. J Shea moved, R Christie seconded, to approved the bills for the month of August, 2025. All ayes; 5-0, motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None

JUNK CASES:

1. J. Shea is following up on one open case on Ranger Dr (Kerswill Lake Assn) – Getting bid for clean up

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mosquito proposal – Special meeting was held August 8th for ballot verbiage. Approved. Will be on ballot. Anticipated cost will be \$45 a parcel. Would like to do mailing to inform/remind entire township that the proposal will be on November election ballot

2. ARPA/ SLFRF Funds Reporting – D Fritzler: Newest update from SLFRF@treasury.gov (from email response received on 7/28/2025) advised that the portal closed at the end of June and any unsubmitted reports had been administratively closed. Please be on the look out for an email from the Treasury in the coming weeks notifying that your report has been reopened. During this reopening period, Treasury will be providing webinars/office hours to assist recipients on submitting their P&E reports. UPDATE: D Fritzler received email day of board meeting that portal is now reopened for report submission

3. EGLE Grant Update – M. Hill: Update from State Committee that our grant request is “looking good” but has not been approved, yet. Grant request was for \$280K

NEW BUSINESS:

1. D Fritzler – Would like to attend Clerk's Professional Development September 29-30, 2025 (\$367 if reg by 9/8) – Approval not needed. Clerk will register and attend
2. M Hill – Would like to attend Treasurer's Professional Development on October 1st & 2nd - Approval not needed. Treasurer will register and attend
3. 2026 Brine Schedule – Jim already sent back form with similar dates as this year (5/15/2026, 6/26/2026, 8/19/2026)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

4. Sexton job description – Would like Jim and George’s input. Will review at next meeting
5. Cemetery Ordinance – M. Hill updated and provided possible changes to board members. We will need display for rules. M. Hill will publish in paper and put new ordinance on website

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Charter Communications – Effective Aug 5, 2025, there will be a decrease in digital receiver cost (from \$97.00 to \$60.00)
2. Updates on projects:
 - a. Asphalt resealing is complete and looks great
 - b. New flag pole is up
 - c. Cement work is in progress
3. Basement Cleaning – J. Shea will get quote(s) from restoration company and/or special cleaners
4. Fire Proof File Cabinet – M. Hill would like township to consider purchasing fire proof file cabinet to be kept at township hall for record safe keeping. Board agreed would be a good idea. M. Hill will get quote for options

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Fritzier

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Grout Township Clerk