

GROUT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gladwin County, MI

December 9, 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, Trustee: R. Christie and Trustee: J. Beck. Member absent: Treasurer: M. Hill (excused)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Following review, J Beck moved to approve the minutes of November 11, 2025, as written R. Christie seconded motion. All ayes; 4-0, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: (as of November 30, 2025)

1. General Checking - \$118,221.98
 2. Expense Account Balance- \$852.83
 3. Income Received in August- \$40,097.19
 4. CD Balance: Two Certificates of Deposit: 1 (\$156,539.58 matures March 14, 2026) and the second (\$100,000.00 matures January 12, 2026)
- D. Fritzler motioned to approve treasurer's report as provided, J. Shea seconded motion. All ayes 4-0; motion carried

FIRE BOARD REPORT: (Adam Z)

1. Fire Board met on December 3rd, 2025
2. Items Reviewed:
 - a. New year Budget discussions
 - b. Fifteen Runs in November – 3 in Grout Township (2 personal injury and 1 EMS assist)
 - c. Adam Z will be resigning his Grout Twp Fire Reporting position at the end of 2025. His Father Randy has offered to take over monthly reporting duties. The board appreciates and thanks Adam for all of his service. The board looks forward to working with Randy in the upcoming year

COMMISSIONER REPORT: (Commissioner T. Winarski)

1. Beaverton is still currently working on writing and implementing a conduct policy
2. Commissioner Winarski attended MMAC (Mid Michigan Action Comm) meeting.
3. Airport – tower placement approval is still pending
4. Gladwin County meeting discussed working with Claire County to combine HR and admin issues that we have in common (for employee handling and conduct policies)
5. Tom wishes everyone a Happy New Years and Merry Christmas

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. Fire Well Agreement Wording Change from Gladwin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security – included a change in wording for the funding source.
2. Consumers Energy Integrated Resource Plan Webinar Invite – December 17th

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Individual spoke at length, regarding concern of many residents about the current solar farms being installed. Concerns included health, safety, noise and future of ground clean up after solar use. Per J. Shea - Grout township does not approve zoning (it is done through Gladwin County). There is no further action that can be done by Grout Township Board. Residents are encouraged to reach out to Michigan State Reps for any possible steps

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Following review, J. Beck moved to remove payment of BoR checks from December and add to January. After discussion J. Shea seconded, 2 ayes and 2 nays; motion failed. D. Fritzler and R Christie disagreed with movement.

J. Shea moved to accept expenses as presented, R. Christie seconded, to approve the bills for the month of December, 2025. 3-1, motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None requested

JUNK CASES:

1. J. Shea followed up with Cornell Dr with complaint about trash not being picked up. Led to further concern about property at end of the road that appears to have a lot of junk in yard and road that affects snow removal and trash collection. J. Shea followed up with email of paperwork.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer M Hill – EGLE Grant Update – no new information.
2. Sexton Job description – Table until 2026 – information from other Sexton job descriptions provided by M. Hill for the board’s consideration

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor J. Shea - New Gutter Estimates, New Electrical Panel Needed for Hall – Hold until Spring. Still awaiting funds
2. Update Hall Rental Prices – to be addressed in January budget meeting.
3. Resolution to accept 2026 State property Regulations 25-006 Approved. Roll call: J. Shea – yes, D. Fritzler – yes; R. Christie – yes; J. Beck – yes; 4-0 all Ayes Resolution approved

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Supervisor J Shea – Basement cleaning complete. new light over main entry door and driveway markers installed
2. Supervisor J. Shea Board of Review held this morning – One property discussed for poverty exemption property #
3. Supervisor J. Shea NorthWest Michigan Assessors Assoc. Board of Review Training January 15, 2026. (Jim and 3 others to attend)
4. Grout Township Special Election Nov 2025 Additional Cost: \$290.42
5. J. Hlte - New Proposed Cemetery Prices – Hold until January meeting
6. Budget meeting to be held January – J. Shea to coordinate with board members
- 7.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Fritzler

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Grout Township Clerk