

GROUT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gladwin County, MI

January 13, 2026

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, R. Christie moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025 and January 9, 2026, as written J. Shea seconded motion. All ayes; 5-0, motion carried

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

1. General Checking - \$98,060.38
 2. Expense Account Balance- \$852.83
 3. Income Received in August- \$357.77
 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)
- J. Shea motioned to approve treasurer's report as provided, R. Christie seconded motion. All ayes 5-0; motion carried

FIRE BOARD REPORT: (Randy Z)

1. Fire Board met on January 7, 2026
2. Items Reviewed:
 - a. Twelve Runs in December – 6 in Grout Township (most due to power lines/outages)

COMMISSIONER REPORT: (Commissioner T. Winarski)

1. Reminder that township zoning (including solar approval) is/was done at the county level. Current solar projects went through master plan approvals. Mr. Winarski encourages residents to attend committee meetings for zoning information and to express concerns
2. Commissioner Winarski attended MMAC (Mid Michigan Action Comm) meeting. Discussion on SNAP program re-certification requirements
3. Beaverton is still currently working on writing and implementing a conduct policy
4. Trout Lake meeting regarding saving the dam and funding needed
5. Airport – Not enough in attendance to hold meeting
6. Tom fielded questions from residents regarding Commissioners meetings and concerns re Solar fields safety. Tom recommends that residents start at Masterplan level with concerns. Planning department manages land use, not health or drain commissions

CORRESPONDANCE:

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: (5 min MAX per resident)

No additional comments from community

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

M. Hill noted the check for Darrell Richord is payment from insurance company payout after clean up has been documented.

Following review, D. Fritzler moved to accept expenses as presented, R. Christie seconded, to approve the bills for the month of January, 2026. All ayes 5-0; motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None requested

JUNK CASES:

1. J. Shea followed up with Cornell Dr regarding junk in yard and road that affects snow removal and trash collection. No updates or changes have been done at the property, to date

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer M Hill – EGLE Grant Update – no new information.
2. Sexton Job description and new pricing – motion to approve by D. Fritzler, seconded by J. Shea. Ayes 5-0 motion passed to approve
3. AMP Mosquito Contract – Motion to accept contract with AMP moved by J. Shea, seconded by R. Christie. Ayes 5-0 motion passed. Contract to be signed by Supervisor J. Shea. AMP will provide information that township will be required to provide residents. Residents are still able to opt out of the treatment service by contacting AMP directly (info will be in notice to residents)
4. Happy Lawn Quote for Hall and Cemetery lawn treatments – quotes provided offered several suggested treatments. Per M. Hill, our property only needs 2 treatments (Spring and Fall). J. Shea will request new quote with only 2 requested treatments for any pricing adjustments
5. SLT – Quote for large tree and brush trimming at cemetery \$4400.00. Motion to approve cost and move forward with service made by J. Shea; seconded by D. Fritzler. Ayes 5-0 motion passed to approve quote and move forward with service
6. Road Commission Updates – J. Shea attended meeting. They will check into a sign for intersection at 61/Shearer Rd (resident concerns about fast traffic and angle of intersection. Major projects for 2026 will be chip seal on Parker Rd (2 miles) and maintenance on several gravel roads. Other repaving or repair scheduled through DTE solar project contracts
7. Trail of 2 Cities – Per J. Shea they are looking for a new Grout Township Representative. J. Shea will attend January meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to accept 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Salary and Wages – Per M. Hill Each Salary needs an individual resolution. D. Fritzler to rewrite. Hold until February
2. Resolution to accept new Grout Township Investment Policy (#2026-01). Roll call: J. Shea – yes, M. Hill – yes, D. Fritzler – yes; R. Christie – yes; J. Beck – yes; 5-0 all Ayes Resolution Passed
3. Per M. Hill – One of our CDs (currently at Huntington’s Bank) matures today. Would like board approval to reinvest \$105,000.00 at Wildfire Credit Union. Motion by M. Hill, seconded by J. Shea. 5-0 all Ayes, motion passed

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Redline – providing quotes for Hall parking lot salting and plowing. Also need proof of insurance
2. Quotes for Hall and Cemetery lawn mowing requested
3. Earl’s Building Supply – Quote for Hall door lock replacement/fix (\$663.00). Motioned by M. Hill, seconded by R. Christie, 5-0 Ayes, motion passed. J. Shea will have them move forward with repair/replacement this month. (Will be keyed the same.)
4. Beaverton Schools – Summer 2026 Tax Levy – Motion to approve by J. Shea, seconded by R. Christie. 5-0 Ayes. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Fritzler

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Grout Township Clerk