

GROUT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gladwin County, MI

May 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Clerk D Fritzler at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those attending.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK:

Members present: Clerk: D. Fritzler, : Treasurer: M. Hill, Trustee: R. Christie and Trustee: J. Beck Member Absent: Supervisor: J. Shea (Excused)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Following review, M Hill moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026 with corrections updates: spelling of "Smallwood Lake" and removal of blank line under Commissioners Report, correction of "Auditing" instead of Agency in line 6 of Unfinished Business. D Fritzler seconded motion. All ayes; 4-0, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: (as of April 30, 2026)

1. General Checking - \$233,264.59
2. Expense Account Balance- \$678.41
3. Income Received in April - \$1,133.22
4. Balance of Mosquito Abatement account as of April 30, 2026: \$46,620.41
5. Savings account at Wildfire Credit Union remains at \$5.00. The balance on one CD is \$106,047.90 (matures on 10/27/2026). The second CD has a balance of: \$160,548.19 (matures on 12/27/2026)

R. Christie motioned to approve treasurer's report as provided, J. Beck seconded motion. All ayes 4-0; motion carried

FIRE BOARD REPORT: (Randy Zdrojewski)

1. Fire Board met on first week in May
 2. Items Reviewed:
 - a. Twenty-six in April – 3 in Grout Township (1 structure fire, 1 downed power line, and 1 CO2)
 - b. Grass/brush fires are becoming a concern. Fire Dept will issue tickets and considering charging township for runs.
- (Large discussion on this topic followed)

COMMISSIONER REPORT: (Commissioner T. Winarski)

1. MMAC – Open house for head-start programs
2. Current repairs for elevator, will relocate commissioners meeting to make assessable
3. County is working on hiring an HR Assistant and Grant Writer – early stages still working on job descriptions
4. In Beaverton – still fielding noise and environmental impact concerns about Kemper Industries, from their citizens

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. SUGAR SPRINGS GOLF OUTING; MAY 15TH

CITIZENS COMMENTS: (5 min MAX per resident)

Citizen addressed recent removal of all items from cemetery sites. Items were discarded and unrecovered. M Hill addressed issue explaining new tubing holders for decorations are being places. Currently installed for Veterans and working on remaining. Tubing will help with cleanliness of entire cemetery

Citizen asked about solar updates. Advised that zoning is not done currently through township

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Following review D. Fritzler moved to accept expenses and M. Hill seconded, to approve the bills for the month of May, 2026. All ayes 4-0; motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None

JUNK CASES:

1. BLIGHT – FOLLOWING UP ON LETTERS SENT OUT
2. PER M HILL, ST ANDREWS DR – THE OWNERS ARE WORKING ON CLEANING AND MOWING THE YARD

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer M Hill – EGLE Grant Update – no new information.
2. M. Hill – proposed new cemetery rules. No changes requested by board members. M Hill will get posted

SUPERVISOR UPDATES: (provided in written form in Supervisor's absence)

1. Greaves Trucking completed grading and gravel work on East portion of driveway at cemetery. Original quote 9/29/2025
2. Bock Electric will be billing us for generator service which was done on 4/30/2026. The panel change out was completed on 4/30/26
3. Conduit in cemetery for veteran flags were all installed. Jim would like to thank Jim Hyte for his work this Spring and how good the cemetery looks.
4. Melody is checking on replacement for flag
5. Email from Attorney's Foster/Swift – Advised that Township would need to take over zoning in order to block battery storage facilities. Laura to advise on steps that township would have to take in order to take over zoning
6. Contacted AAA Plumbing/Heating to look at basement water issue. They will be getting back to Jim to take a look for possible issues and solutions
7. Jim spoke with Angie about cleaning hall windows inside and out this Spring

8. Jim re-installed the Absentee Ballot Box, put wood frame work up for new power panel and also spent time in cemetery installing the PVC and helping with issues with gravesites

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gladwin County Road Commission Contract – Parker Rd 2 miles; 50% (\$44,580.00) is township's cost. Board will vote next month
2. M Hill requests Resolution to charge extra fee for Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) (returned checks). We are currently only charging \$15 (which is what we pay), but would like to charge \$25.00 to off-set additional work and correspondence needed to take care of issues as they occur. **Resolution #26-012. Roll call: Yes: M Hill, D Fritzler, R Christie and J Beck. Nays: none. Absent: J Shea Resolution passed.**

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. APM – M Hill – Initial spraying has started. The mosquitos are really bad with the wet spring. APM has completed the "mapping" and started initial spraying.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Fritzler

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Grout Township Clerk