

GROUT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Gladwin County, MI

June 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor 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 Members Absent: N/A

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Following review, R. Christie moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026 Board meeting as submitted. D Fritzler seconded motion. All ayes; 5-0, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: (as of May 31, 2026)

1. General Account Balance - \$258,713.79
 - a. Interest earned on General Account in May, 2026: \$55.43
2. Expense Account Balance- \$678.41
3. Income Received in May, 2026 - \$65,462.71
4. Balance of Mosquito Abatement account as of May 31, 2026: \$36,684.00
5. Savings account at Wildfire Credit Union remains at \$5.00. The balance of two CDs as of May 28, 2026 was \$267,480.03. Total interest from previous month: \$883.94
- J. Beck motioned to approve treasurer's report as provided, R. Christie seconded motion. All ayes 5-0; motion carried
6. Other: J. Shea recognized M. Hill for getting new flag for the Hall flag pole

FIRE BOARD REPORT: (Randy Zdrojewski)

1. Fire Board met on first week in June
2. Items Reviewed:
 - a. Twenty-one runs in May – 2 in Grout Township (1 brush fire and 1 independent burn)
 - b. Fire board had a Fire Chief selection meeting on May 19, 2026. Next meeting June 23, 2026.
3. Trustee Christie is requesting compensation for extra meetings. Shea Motioned to approve additional meetings fees for Trustee Christie. M. Hill Seconded. Ayes: 5, Nay: 0. Motion passed

COMMISSIONER REPORT: (Commissioner T. Winarski; J. Shea was also in attendance)

1. 3.5 hour meeting last month
2. Voted and approved: 6 month moratorium for Data Center approval and 3 month moratorium for new applications for battery, solar and wind projects.
3. Elevator repairs have been completed
4. County is working on hiring an HR Assistant and Grant Writer – early stages still working on job descriptions (partnering with Clare County)

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER – RIVERWALK PLACE JUNE 18TH AT 5:00PM
2. STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – THE BROOK RETIREMENTS COMMUNITIES THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH 3:00-6:00PM

CITIZENS COMMENTS: (5 min MAX per resident)

Citizen mentioned that next Planning Committee is scheduled in September.

Citizen expressed concern to Commissioner Winarski, that the 2 new county positions have been pending for several months with no movement. They are still pending per T Winarski

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Following review D. Fritzler moved to accept expenses and J. Shea seconded, to approve the bills for the month of June, 2026. All ayes 5-0; motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None Requested

JUNK CASES – Supervisor J Shea:

1. BLIGHT – FOLLOWING UP ON LETTERS SENT OUT
2. ST ANDREWS DR – SOME CLEAN UP HAS BEEN COMPLETED. STILL MORE TO BE DONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer M Hill – EGLE Grant Update – no new information.
2. Cemetery Updates – New sign has been purchased. J. Shea will get installed by the end of next month. New pricing will be posted. Installation of conduit for all grave sites is still in process of being installed.
3. Email from Attorney's office (Foster/Swift) – Advising steps needed to take over zoning at the township level. Process would take over a year and would require large project expense and several legal steps. Per J Shea, Township will not likely pursue due to extra cost and time line

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gladwin County Road Commission Contract – Parker Rd 2 miles; 50% (\$44,580.00) is township's cost. J Shea motioned to accept proposal, M Hill seconded. Ayes: 5, Nay: 0. Motion passed.
2. M Hill – State of MI Public Safety Revenue Sharing. Grout received \$1,419.00, but was required to turn over to County because it was meant to support police and fire departments, which are all done through the County level for Grout township.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Road Commission
 - a) Brining –J Shea has received some resident complaints that it isn't enough brining. Road commission confirmed it is standard being used
 - b) Knot Weed: Parker Rd Spraying – J Shea notified Road Commission of Issue
 - c) DTE Solar using Clarwin to Parker for company vehicles – J Shea reminded Road Commission of issue
2. July Board of Review – July 24, 2026 would be proposed date. Not sure it it will be Needed
3. Attorneys Memorandum – See previous discussion under “unfinished business”
4. Commissioners Meeting (5/26/2026) – Moratorium Green Energy (Wind, Solar & Battery facilities) – See previous discussion under Commissioner's Report
5. APM – Mosquito Spraying Update – Board members have received calls regarding lack of spraying, but APM reports over 100 miles of spraying has been completed and is on schedule. Residents are encouraged to call APM directly if they have questions about spraying
6. D. Fritzler – Crystal Flash Price Update 2.22 gal
7. Michigan Township Association Membership renewal – J Shea moved to approve membership renewal, D Fritzler seconded. Ayes: 5, Nay: 0, Motion Passed
8. State of MI Employee Tax - Grout Township is current on all taxes except unemployment (new website)
9. Grout Township Summer Newsletter – M Hill provided to board for reference
10. Resolution to authorize use of Electronic Funds (EFT) and Automated Clearing House (ACH) – Resolution #26-013. M Hill made motion, D Fritzler seconded, Roll Call J. Shea – Yes, M Hill – Yes, D Fritzler – Yes, R Christie – Yes, J Beck – Yes. Resolution passed
11. M Hill – EMC Insurance Statement of Values – M Hill sent information
12. Auditor – Annual Township Audit. Current contracted Auditor has been unresponsive to M Hill's calls and emails. She sent certified mail as a final reach out. Township will look for other auditor quotes. Sept 30th is deadline for audit
13. The board recognized and thanked Angie Card for the extra cleaning of all Hall windows

B. ADJOURNMENT - 7:30pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Fritzler

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Grout Township Clerk