

PENN TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2026

Board Members Present: Treasurer Paul Rutherford, Clerk Rhonda Barnett, Trustee Roger Leach, Trustee Scott Peters, Deputy Clerk Rachele Bogue

Board Member Absent: Supervisor Oli Olafsson

I. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Board of Directors was called to order by Roger Leach at 6:41 pm at the Penn Township Hall.

Trustee Leach opened with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Establishment of Agenda

Treasurer Rutherford made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the Michigan DNR Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program Resolution as line-item C under the action items. There was no objection to the amendment to the agenda, the agenda was approved as amended.

IV. Consent Agenda

Board Minutes 2/9/2026

Treasurer's Report 3/9/2026

**A motion was made by Clerk Barnett to approve the consent agenda, duly seconded by Trustee Peters. All were in favor, motion passed.**

V. Action Items

- A. The review of the proposed budget for Donnell Lake Weed Control was discussed. There was concern from the audience that the Conservation Club was pursuing additional bids.

**Treasurer Rutherford made a motion to table this item for next month to gather further information. Trustee Peters supported the motion. All members voted in favor so this item will be tabled until April meeting.**

- B. Existing budget for 2025-2026 amendments were reviewed.

**Treasurer Rutherford made a motion to approve the necessary amendments and adjustments to reflect a balanced budget. Clerk Barnett supported the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote Scott Peters-yes; Roger Leach-yes; Paul Rutherford-yes; Rhonda Barnett-yes. Motion carried with four yes votes to zero no votes.**

- C. The resolution regarding the Michigan DNR's Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program was presented to the board. There was no discussion.

**Treasurer Rutherford made a motion to approve the resolution. Clerk Barnett supported the motion. Trustee Leach took a raise of hand vote for those in favor of the resolution. All four members voted in favor of the approval of the resolution there were zero nay votes.**

VI. Informational Items

A. CLERK REPORT

Clerk Barnett announced that the 2026-2027 Public Budget meeting will take place Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Penn Township Hall.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Bogue reported that the department responded to 8 runs in February. Last month they participated in Thin-Ice-Rescue training on Donnell Lake.

C. CAUA REPORT

No Report

D. AMBULANCE REPORT

No Report

E. ASSESSOR REPORT

No Report

F. ZONING REPORT

No Report

G. PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

The tentative 2026 Pickleball Schedule was presented and will be posted on the website.

VII. Supervisor Comments

None

VIII. Board Comments

Trustee Peters requested more information on what the township is allowed to use the cannabis license fee money for. Treasurer Rutherford advised him that our auditor has approved all usage of the funds.

IX. Public Comments

Public Comments were received.

X. Payment of the Bills

**Treasurer Rutherford moved, Clerk Barnett supported that the bills be paid with check numbers 24293-24337 in the amount of \$68,633.56. Roll call vote was taken; Peters-yes; Leach-yes; Rutherford-yes; Barnett-yes. Motion unanimously passed.**

XI. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Trustee Peters, duly seconded by Treasurer Rutherford, and passed by unanimous vote, approving the adjournment of the meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda Barnett, Penn Township Clerk

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Date

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Oli Olafsson, Penn Township Supervisor

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Date

**March 10, 2026  
PENN TOWNSHIP  
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

<b>Checking Account balance: February 1, 2026</b>	<b>\$ 2,856,444.11</b>
<b>Total disbursements for February, 2026</b>	<b>31,291.58</b>
<b>Total revenues for February, 2026</b>	<b>157,345.69</b>

<u>Receipt #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Received from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5399	2/5	Next Step Inspections (Electrical Inspections)	566.00
5398	2/7	Doberteen Inspections ( Plumbing and Mechanical Permits)	1,040.00
5400	2/11	Penn Township Tax Account (3 <sup>rd</sup> Settlement W-25)	88,528.96
5401	2/17	Penn Township Tax Account (4 <sup>th</sup> Settlement W-25)	57,249.69
5402	2/03	Comcast ( Franchise Fees)	4,067.15

**February 28, 2026 Balance GW Jones(Interest V#5403 \$5,893.89) \$ 2,982,498.22**

Cash Breakdown

<b>Feb. 28, 2026 Restricted Funds Fire Dept.</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000.00</b>
<b>Feb. 28, 2026 Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 582,498.22</b>

**General Checking Total \$ 2,982,498.22**

**Debt Retirement Accounts (\$53.75 Membership each account)**

<b>Vandalia Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 39,569.70</b>
<b>Vandalia Water</b>	<b>\$ 76,599.06</b>
<b>Penn Water</b>	<b>\$ 391,277.11</b>

**Paul Rutherford**

**Penn Township Treasurer**