

**COVERT TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake St, Covert, MI 49043
DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Rose, Rendell, Pritchard, Taylor, Cook present

Motion by Cook, seconded by Taylor to approve the agenda as presented with changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Commissioner Updates: VBC Commissioner, VBCRC Commissioner, A. Fuhman, representative for Joey Andrews

Public Comment: B. Norman requested the board address road/ditch needs for 28th Avenue; S. Strickland inquired about township employees having positions boards and commissions

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Rendell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 4 N: 1

Motion by Cook, seconded by Rendell to approve a Resolution to Adopt the Covert Township Policy on Security Camera Management at Township Hall, as presented with changes to wording of camera locations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 4 N: 1

Motion by Pritchard, seconded by Rose to approve appointing Mike Gillian to serve a four-year term on the South Haven Area Regional Airport Authority, to expire 1/9/2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Cook, seconded by Pritchard to table upholding the orders of the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer to raze the structure on 80676 46th Ave, as presented to allow the property owner 90 days to apply for a building permit.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Cook, seconded by Rendell to approve appointing Keith Gleiss for a 5-year term on the Salary Advisory Committee, to expire 3/12/2030.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 4 N: 1

Motion by Cook, seconded by Rendell to approve purchasing a 2025 Ford F250 pickup truck from Woodham's for DPW in the amount of \$60,309.00, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Pritchard, seconded by Rendell to approve the estimate from D&D Excavating, in the amount not to exceed \$12,200.00 to remove blight from 76487 CR 376 in compliance with the court order as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 4 N: 1

Motion by Rendell, seconded by Pritchard to approve the estimate from D&D Excavating, in the amount not to exceed \$4900.00 to remove blight from 75689 CR 378, in compliance with the court order as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Pritchard, seconded by Rose to approve the estimate from Next Level Junk, in the amount not to exceed \$19,479.00 to remove blight from 76842 48th Ave, in compliance with the court order as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Rose, seconded by Taylor to approve a budget of \$2900 to purchase planters, gravel and plants to place throughout the township, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Cook, seconded by Pritchard to approve the following budget amendments to the General Fund: 191.00 (Elections) to \$13,919, 445.00 (Drains) to \$7,600 and 910.00 (Insurance) to \$29,685, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Pritchard, seconded by Rose to approve authorizing Supervisor Cook to sign the MOU with the Van Buren Conservation District to host the EGLE funded Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 5 N: 0

Motion by Cook, seconded by Taylor to approve signing the Certification by Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan HUD document regarding the Covert Housing 5-year Plan pending confirmation from HUD that the township is an appropriate governing body, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y: 4 N: 1

Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Covert Township Hall, 73943 Lake Street.