



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Lodi Township Hall
3755 Pleasant Lake Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of February 3, 2026 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Blackburn, Foley, Godek, Marsh, Matelski, Rentschler, Smith

Absent: None

3. Consent Agenda

- C-1: Approve – January 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes & January 14, 2026 budget workshop minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval –1/7/2026-2/3/2026
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
- C-5: Amend Budget – none
- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – 1/27/2026 draft minutes
- C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – none
- C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report
- C-9: Receive Correspondence that doesn't require Board Action

Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

- 4. **Attorney Report:** Township Attorney Jesse O'Jack announced that the 14A-4 Saline District Court has reopened.
- 5. **Planning Commission Update:** Marsh reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on January 27, 2026.
- 6. **Sheriff Report:** John Cratsenburg introduced himself, but did not have anything to report. Smith asked if there was any update on the contract extension. He was unsure, but would look into it and report back.
- 7. **Short Public Comment**
Public comment began at 6:33 pm. Comments were received from 5 members of the public. Public comment ended at 6:39 pm.

8. Revision / Approval of Agenda

Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Unfinished Business:

1. Data Center Moratorium – Ordinance #2026-001/Resolution #2026-007

Foley moved to approve Resolution #2026-007 as presented. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Smith moved to send the research and drafting of a potential data center ordinance to the Planning Commission with input from the Township Planner. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Policy to Standardize the Process to Appoint members to Lodi Township Boards – per request from Trustee Blackburn with informational spreadsheet

A discussion was held regarding a Policy to Standardize the Process to Appoint members to Lodi Township Boards.

Blackburn moved to create a policy committee of up to 3 members of the Board of Trustees with Blackburn as one of the Trustees with the potential of including members of the public on the committee which can be open to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act in order to work on these policies offline and bring them to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation. Marsh seconded if the policy committee is unpaid. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=nay, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay, Foley=nay, Smith=nay. Motion failed, 3-4.

Blackburn moved to create an unpaid policy subcommittee of Foley, Blackburn and Matelski which is open to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=nay, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay, Foley=aye, Smith=nay. Motion carried, 4-3.

3. Discussion on Road Planning Procedures with Resolution and Informational spreadsheet prepared by Trustee Blackburn

A discussion was held on the Road Planning Procedures with Resolution and Informational spreadsheet presented by Blackburn.

Blackburn moved to approve the Resolution provided by Blackburn. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=nay, Foley=nay, Smith=nay, Godek=nay, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion failed, 3-4.

10. New Business:

1. Accept unexpected resignation of Vance Shutes from the Board of Review

Smith moved to accept the unexpected resignation of Vance Shutes from the Board of Review. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

2. Emergency appointment of Skye Schultz to Board of Review

Smith moved to appoint Skye Schultz to replace Vance Shutes on the Board of Review with a term ending 12/31/2026. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

3. Approve Skye Schultz to attend the virtual training for Board of Review (\$125) & MTA Board of Review Book (\$44)

Smith moved to approve Skye Schultz to attend the virtual training for Board of Review at a cost of \$125 and approve the purchase of the MTA Board of Review book for Skye Schultz at a cost of \$44. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

4. Resolution #2026-002 Meeting Dates 2026-2027

Smith moved to approve Resolution #2026-002 Meeting Dates 2026-2027 as presented. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. Resolution #2026-003 Supervisor Salary 2026-2027

Smith moved to approve Resolution #2026-003 Supervisor Salary 2026-2027 as presented. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. Resolution #2026-004 Clerk Salary 2026-2027

Foley moved to approve Resolution #2026-004 Clerk Salary 2026-2027 as presented. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Resolution #2026-005 Treasurer Salary 2026-2027

Smith moved to approve Resolution #2026-005 Treasurer Salary 2026-2027 as presented. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. Resolution #2026-006 Investment Policy 2026-2027

Foley moved to approve Resolution #2026-006 Investment Policy 2026-2027 with Comerica removed. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Approval of Sun Times as Paper of Record 2026-2027

Smith moved to approve the Sun Times as the Paper of Record for 2026-2027. Second by Godek. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

10. Approval of OHM as Township Engineer 2026-2027 – Marcus McNamara and MC Moritz

Godek moved to approve OHM as the Township Engineer for 2026-2027 with Marcus McNamara and MC Moritz as Lodi Township’s points of contact. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. Approval of OHM as Township Planner 2026-2027 – Hannah Firlit (nee Smith)

Smith moved to approve OHM as the Township Planner for 2026-2027 with Hannah Firlit (nee Smith) as Lodi Township’s point of contact. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

12. Approval of Township Attorney April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 – Jesse O’Jack

Smith moved to approve Jesse O’Jack as the Township Attorney for April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

13. Approval of MRM Lawn Maintenance Township Hall 2026 Season

Foley moved to approve the quote from MRM Lawn Maintenance for lawncare services at the Township Hall for 2026 as presented. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

14. Approval of MRM Cemetery contract 2026 season

Smith moved to approve the quote from MRM Lawn Maintenance for lawncare services at Lodi Township Cemetery for 2026 as presented. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

15. WAVE Transportation Contract 2026-2029: 2026-\$2,850, 2027-\$2,850, 2028-\$2,935, 2029-\$3,024

Smith moved to approve the WAVE Transportation Contract for 2026 for \$2,850. Second by Rentschler.

Blackburn moved to amend the motion to approve the WAVE Transportation Contract for 2026 and 2027 for \$2,850 per year. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=nay, Foley=nay, Smith=nay, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 4-3.

A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

16. Set Budget Public Hearing – March 3, 2026 at 6 pm

Blackburn moved to set the Budget Public Hearing for March 3, 2026 at 6 pm with the regular Board of Trustee meeting starting immediately following the Budget Public Hearing. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. Closed Session: None

12. Public Comment

Public comment began at 8:05 pm. Public comment was received from 6 people. Public comment ended at 8:18 pm.

13. FYI: None

14. Adjournment

Foley moved to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary