



LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm

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

1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of March 3, 2026 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm.

Foley moved to have Smith moderate the meeting due to Godek's absence. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Godek

3. Budget Public Hearing 2026-2027

Foley moved to open the budget public hearing at 6:01 pm. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

No comments were made by the public.

Rentschler moved to close the budget public hearing at 6:08 pm. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

4. Consent Agenda

- C-1: Approve – February 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 2/3 4/2026 – 3/3/2026
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
- C-5: Amend Budget – none
- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – 2/24/2026
- C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – none
- C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report

Foley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Matelski.

After a discussion, Foley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the dates for C-3 changed to 2/3 4/2026 – 3/3/2026 and C-5 marked as none. Second by Matelski. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Attorney Report: None

6. Planning Commission Update: Marsh reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on February 24, 2026.

7. Short Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:09 pm. Comments were received from 3 members of the public. Public comment ended at 6:14 pm.

8. Revision / Approval of Agenda

New Business #1 needs corrected to Lodi Township Budget 2026-2027. The Policy Committee minutes from February 20, 2026 need added to the end of New Business. Finally, the Arbor Preserve Development Agreement – Resolution #2026-009 needs to be removed from New Business.

Matelski moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business:

1. Lodi Township Budget 2026-2027

A discussion was held regarding the Lodi Township Budget for 2026-2027. Blackburn requested a quarterly fund balance report on road spending. Foley said that a report could be created for next month’s meeting. Blackburn also requested to get a quote for microphones and potential audio and/or video recording of meetings. Smith will request a quote from Parhelion. Smith requested \$2,500 be added to the Deputy Supervisor Salary/Wages and \$2500.00 added to the transfer from the Balance Fund making the total \$145,222.00.

Foley moved to approve the 2026-2027 Lodi Township budget as amended with \$2,500.00 added to the Deputy Supervisor Salary/Wages and \$2,500.00 added to the transfer from the Balance Fund making the total \$145,222.00. Which results in a total income of \$2,899,565.31 and total disbursements of \$2,899,565.31. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. Planner to address Lodi Township Board regarding Concerns brought to the board during Public Comment at February meeting

Township Planner Justin Sprague addressed concerns and questions from Trustees regarding OHM serving as the Planner for Lodi Township. **Planner Sprague will provide the contract “Project Tasks” and a detailed scope of services at the next Board of Trustees meeting, as requested by Blackburn.**

3. Reappointments:

a. Janet Rogers – Planning Commission Member term expiring March 31, 2029

Foley moved to approve the reappointment of Janet Rogers to the Planning Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2029 as recommended by the Township Supervisor. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

b. Jens-Chistian Meiners – Planning Commission Member term expiring March 31, 2029 (replacing Carsten Vestergaard)

Foley moved to approve the appointment of Jens-Chistian Meiners to the Planning Commission with a term expiring March 31, 2029 as recommended by the Township Supervisor. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

c. Carl Bauer – Board of Appeals Alternate term expiring March 31, 2029

Foley moved to approve the reappointment of Carl Bauer as the alternate to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring March 31, 2029. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

4. SAFD Articles of Incorporation – Resolution #2026-010

Craig Swenson, a Lodi Township representative to the Fire Board, and SAFD Fire Chief Jason Sperle discussed the history and reasoning for the Saline Area Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation and answered questions from Trustees.

Matelski moved to authorize Township Attorney Jesse O’Jack to meet with the SAFD Steering Committee and the SAFD attorney, Fred Lucas, to discuss and work on the wording of the Saline Area Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation which will then be brought back before the Board of Trustees in April. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

Marsh moved to set a public hearing for the Saline Area Fire Authority Articles of Incorporation for April 7, 2026 at 6 pm. Second by Matelski. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. DirectTV franchise agreement – 10-year term commencing on 3/3/2026

Foley moved to approve the DirectTV franchise agreement for a 10-year term commencing on 3/3/2026 as presented. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

6. Solar Ordinance #2026-002, Resolution #2026-008 per Planning Commission Recommendation

Blackburn moved to table Solar Ordinance #2026-002 and Resolution #2026-008 until an updated Zoning map is created. Second by Matelski. After a discussion, Blackburn and Matelski rescinded the motion and second.

Smith moved to approve Solar Ordinance #2026-002 and Resolution #2026-008 with the following changes:

- Section 54.18.D.10.b. bullet 1 to read “Ecovoltaics: Solar sites shall include pollinator habitat, designed to meet a score of 76 or more on the Michigan Pollinator Habitat

Planning Scorecard for Solar Sites. Alternatively, solar sites may utilize conservation cover, designed in consultation with the County Conservation District or other conservation organizations as approved by the Township that focus on restoring native plants, grasses, and prairie with the aim of protecting specific species (e.g., bird habitat) or providing specific ecosystem services (e.g., carbon sequestration, soil health).

- Section 54.18.D.13.c to read: A medium commercial solar energy system owner may at any time:
 - Proceed with the approved decommissioning plan and remove the system as indicated in the most recent approved plan;
 - Amend the decommissioning plan with Board of Trustee approval and proceed according to the revised plan.

Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=aye, Rentschler=aye, Godek=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

7. Exotic Animal Ordinance Discussion per Planning Commission

Marsh moved to revisit a potential Exotic Animal Ordinance in 3 months. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Committee Meeting minutes – 2/20/2026

Blackburn moved to approve the presented Committee Meeting minutes from 2/20/2026 with the following changes:

- Change the name from Lodi Township Committee to Lodi Township Policy Committee.
- Remove “to standardize the process” from the first sentence.

Second by Marsh. Voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

11. Closed Session: None

12. Public Comment

Public comment began at 8:02 pm. Public comment was received from 2 people. Public comment ended at 8:04 pm.

13. FYI: None

14. Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary