

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ODESSA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD AT THE ODESSA TOWNSHIP BLDG ON 05-04-2026.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Secor. Present: Rohrbacher, Williams, Barrone and Baron. Absent: none.

Visitors – Fire Chief Chad Perkins, Mike Rohrbacher, Patti Caudill, Matt Steward, Dennis Mansfield, Ed & Jen Sternisha, Myra Kauffman, Jennifer Salgat and Kyle Peake.

Motion by Secor, support by Barrone to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Secor, support by Baron to approve the April 4, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Ed Sternisha introduced himself as running for the 8th Circuit Court Judge position.

The Board reviewed the 2025-2026 Budget.

Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Williams to the following amendments: to move \$875.00 from Fire Department Capital Outlay to Fire Department Operating Supplies, a one-sided entry of \$2,840.00 to Fire Department Professional and Contractual, and a one-sided of \$5,640.00 to Fire Department Capital Outlay. Ayes all. Motion carried.

APRIL BILLS

Gary Secor	\$1,039.97	Canon - Copier Maintenance	\$65.04
Lisa Williams	\$1,562.12	Consumer Energy - Cem Gas/Electric	\$103.29
Sharon Rohrbacher	\$1,662.04	Consumer Energy - Twp Gas/Electric	\$464.47
Brad Barrone	\$120.06	Elan Financial - Website, Email, Phone	\$254.34
Allan Baron	\$114.52	Klein Assessing - Assessor Payment	\$3,415.64
Abbigial Huisman - Custodian	\$38.76		\$4,302.78
Abbigial Huisman - Custodian	\$0.00		
Connie Jordan - Dep Treasurer	\$0.00		
Connie Jordan - Cemetery	\$0.00		
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Ethan Waddle - Custodian	\$14.10		
FICA & Fed W/H for April	\$9.18		
FICA & Fed W/H for April	\$1,324.14		
State W/H	\$0.00		
	\$5,884.89		

May Bills

BS&A - Annual Support	\$1,155.00	Lisa Williams - QuickBooks Charge	\$74.50
Granger - Twp Trash Pickup	\$40.29	PE Office - Phones	\$193.12
Granger - Cemetery Trash Pickup	\$137.48	S&T Restoration - Cem Maintenance	\$7,500.00
Ionia Co Rd Dep - Culverts	\$1,356.66	View Newspaper - Notices & Minutes	\$224.00
Jeff & Lisa Elenbaas - Burials	\$1,600.00	Williams Architects - Architects Service	\$12,458.78

	\$4,289.43		
Fire Department April Bills			
Consumer Energy	\$548.61	Odessa Twp - Payroll Reimbursement	\$16,590.44
Denker Culligan - Rental	\$342.00	T-Mobile - Mobile Internet	\$10.10
Elan Financial - Phones, Email	\$424.33	Verizon - Mobile Internet	\$40.04
Odessa Twp - Payroll Reimb	\$2,153.00	Wex Bank - Fuel	\$239.39
	\$3,467.94		\$16,879.97
May Bills			
Axes & Irons - Smoke Machine	\$875.00	Locality Media - Incident Program	\$2,840.00
BC Fire - Training	\$1,400.00	Quill - Toner	\$134.49
Golden West - Flashlights & Vests	\$979.12	Spencer - Inverter Installation	\$5,637.06
Hastings Ace - Supplies	\$57.98	T-Mobile - Mobile Internet	\$20.70
Ionia Co Fire - Annual Fee/Tester	\$400.00		\$8,632.25
	\$3,712.10		
Fire Department Payroll			
April Payroll			
Will Fyan	\$1,079.67	Brad Dubuque	\$329.49
Kyle Root	\$979.43	Ethan Perkins	\$589.68
Royal Shilton	\$332.46	Wade Piercefield	\$699.90
Nekoda Hull	\$0.00	Chris Tobin	\$0.00
Craig Winslow	\$166.23	Tyler Gregg	\$699.90
John Thomas	\$89.86	Wyatt Perkins	\$1,018.43
Eric Possehn	\$432.20	Blake Perkins	\$509.22
Brad Perkins	\$1,283.88	Travis Scarborough	\$1,336.80
Marcie Root	\$715.72	Gary Jackson	\$596.60
Chad Perkins	\$1,649.45	Jacob DeBruyne	\$808.76
Chad Perkins	\$1,649.45	Union Bank FICA & Fed W/H	\$2,724.88
	\$8,378.35	Union Bank FICA & Fed W/H	\$429.00
		State W/H	\$0.00
			\$9,742.66

Motion by Secor, support by Baron that the township accepts items in the April audit and approves payment for the May 4, 2026 bills as submitted. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – the 101 accounts are running ahead of last year by \$72,646.40. General Fund Savings/Checking is ahead by \$32,729.50. See report for further information.

Cemetery Property Manager Report – we are 90% done with spring clean-up, we are busy trimming and mowing, layout the foundations. Hopefully get brush pile burned the week of the 11th, the pressure tank is need of repairs totaling around \$3,000.00 and ordering some gravel to place in drive low spots. It was also mentioned that High Point Tree Service needs to do some tree work.

Fire Chief Report – March total runs 36, village – 18, township – 17, mutual aid – 1, Medical – 26, Fire other – 9, motor vehicle accident – 1, Hazmat – 0, RFT Call out - 0 and total runs as of 4-30-2026 is 167.

Board/Committee Reports

- a. Jordan Lake Improvement Board meeting - meeting on May 7, 2026. Minutes presented.
- b. Lakewood Wastewater Authority - minutes presented.
- c. Library Board. – minutes presented. Librarian Jennefer Salgat gave some library attendance facts. She also mentioned the Ionia County Library Association Renewal Millage on the August ballot.
- d. Web page Report – Barrone presented Website report. Looking for architects rendering and firefighter picture for website. The Fire website will need to have its own URL and cannot be part of the township website.

Action Items

- a. Township Construction Manager – Project Manager Kim Nigro would like additional time for her and Architect Mark Bushouse to go over RFPs.
- b. Cemetery House Proposals – Baron presented several cemetery house estimates. He will bring more information to next meeting.
- c. Franklin Metals Salvage Yard Application Renewal – Motion by Secor, support by Rohrbacher to approve the Franklin Metals Salvage Yard renewal application. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items

- a. Hyper Reach Sign Up – Rohrbacher and Perkins will work on getting the township signed up. Hyper Reach will contact township board members if there is a large incident and help is needed.
- b. Fire Station Updates – having a meeting on May 18th to discuss RFP's, review final exterior and design concept renderings.
- c. Junk Ordinance – Secor send a letter if no response then another letter goes out, if no response then a civil infraction is issued.
- d. Grant Updates – townships can now apply for the new Fire Department Grant Program for \$50,000.00. The fire department decided to go for SCBA's. Motion by Rohrbacher, support by Baron to have Grant Writer Cary Thompson apply and write a grant for SCBA's through the new State Fire Equipment Grant. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Township was notified from Senator Gary Peters office that the grant was not able to move forward this year.

Rohrbacher also mentioned there is a playground grant but that may be too soon to apply for.

- e. Road Conditions – Secor said it has been a bad year for roads. He received many complaints and did check those roads out. The Road department has leased another grader.

Supervisor Report. – Presented information from Life EMS, they will be present at next meeting, Consumer Energy easement, that has also gone to Attorney Kyle O'Mera for his advice. Also being the Chief Officer I did apply for the new fire equipment grant.

Public Comment – Kyle Peake, 14651 Harwood Road, Lake Odessa. has contacted the Ionia County Road Department and the Drain Commissioner on a flooding issue on his property. They all said he needs to contact the township supervisor. Secor will work on that issue.

Board comments – no comments.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

APPROVED *Wesley Williams* Submitted *Wesley Williams*