

**Standish Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
8/12/2025**

**1. Call to Order**

Supervisor Sajdak called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Melissa Jennings, Connie Proulx, Dustin Cardinal, Corey Sajdak and Amy Buttrick

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Agenda as Presented.**

- Motion to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of new business #7, garbage can at Hall.
  - Motion made Cardinal by and seconded by Buttrick
  - Voice Vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
  - Motion Carried
  
- Motion to approved Minutes from 7/8/2025

- Motion made Cardinal by and seconded by Proulx
- Voice vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
- Motion Carried

#### **4. Reports**

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

1. Gravel on Foco Rd. between Meyette and Bay Arenac is complete, and brushing is done on Bordeaux Rd.
2. Working with the township attorney to formulate a plan to better deal with blight and the lawn cutting problem.
3. Dustin and I have been working on gathering the items needed for the switch to Area Code Enforcement.
4. The attorney is working on the process for conditional rezoning.
5. We have an upcoming Planning Special meeting on September 2, at 6:30pm for a public hearing for a special use permit for the city of Standish and for text amendments to our zoning ordinance.
6. Attended a sewer meeting with Jennifer Hamlet regarding the small treatment plant option for sewer.
7. Working with Bay County to see if residents along the water line route to have the option to hook up to water.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Audit still on going

2. Bills \$124,067.00 Engineering Fee \$24,680 Construction \$161,848.80 Payroll \$5,306.17
3. Two to three separate cemetery plots sales are pending.
4. Brian Smith to possibly to clean headstones at cemetery
5. Dumpster Day looking for September 20<sup>th</sup>
6. Ryan Klenk set the markers at cemetery
7. Requesting to attend MTA Clerk training
8. Training on BS&A
9. Attended meeting with Jennifer Hamlet and follow up meeting with Todd Narlock

#### **TRESURER'S REPORT**

1. Tax collection continues. I am at the hall on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 until September 15, unless otherwise noted.
2. Missy and I are getting some additional training on the BS&A software. They are also helping us to clean up some of the items that we are no longer using.

#### **TRUSTEE CARDINAL'S REPORT**

1. 2 Hall rentals – 8 for 2025
2. ZBA meeting
3. Cardinal and Sajdak power washed the front of the Hall.

#### **TRUSTEE BUTTRICK'S REPORT**

1. Planning Board meeting was held August 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. Township attorney is working on the process for the townships conditional rezoning process which the board will review and implement.

3. Discussed the wording needed to be changed in the Zoning Ordinance regarding to switch to Area Code Enforcement.

4. The City of Standish asked for a special use permit for tower on Pine River Road to improve service to the city.

5. The board will hold a special meeting on September 2nd at 6:30 to discuss this special use permit and text amendments to Zoning Ordinance

6. VRBO rules were discussed in the public comment section. It was brought up that we once had rules for VRBOS, but the rules were taken out of the ordinance.

7. The blight ordinance process and procedures were discussed during public comments. Residents voiced the need for stricter enforcement, fair and consistent enforcement, and more support for the zoning administrator.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

1. New construction and will visit the required 20%

### **ZONING REPORT**

1. 5 Lawn complaints. All resolved

2. 2 Land Use Permits

- Willow Dr – New deck w/covering
- Removal of mobile home on Meyette Rd.

3. Met with City of Standish for new tower to be located on Pine River Rd. They have applied for a Special Land Use Permit

4. 3 homes to be condemned have been put on hold until the New Code Enforcement takes over

5. 2 calls on “tiny homes” (700 sq.ft.)
6. 2 calls on travel trailers guidelines
7. Wrote a Civil Infraction to resident in Angus St., Wells Addition, regarding clean up
8. Numerous real estate calls
9. Lisa Martin’s home has been torn down (Whites Beach)

## 1. Unfinished Business

1. Township policies and rate schedule
2. Dumpster Day – 9/20/25

- Motion to set Dumpster Day for 9/20/25 from 9-3
  - Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Cardinal
  - Voice vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
  - Motion Carried

## 2. New Business

1. Standish Area Fire Authority - Curt Hillman
  - Motion to support moving forward Standish Area Fire Authority merge with Adams, Clayton and Deep River Townships
    - Motion made by Jennings and seconded by Proulx
    - Voice vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
    - Motion Carried

## 2. Whites Beach Bar liquor license

- Motion to table to get more information
  - Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Cardinal
  - Voice vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
  - Motion Carried

## 3. Planning and Zoning discussions

- Several topics involving planning and zoning were discussed with no action taken

## 4. Whites Beach Sewer and Water update

- Health Department confirmed they will not be a blanket of condemning homes, not permitting new septic system unless requirements are met.
- Potential water customers along water route.
- All water mains are installed except under railroad on McLarty Rd.
- Continue to install hydrants and valves
- Once connection is complete at LaPan Rd, testing will start
- Booster pumps and chemical feed systems are to be delivered this week
- Still looking into Sewer options – most cost effective

## 5. Budget Amendment 25-01

- Motion to create budget adjustment 25-01 for fiscal year 2025/2026 as presented.
  - Motion made by Jennings and seconded by Buttrick
  - Roll call vote
    - Proulx – Aye
    - Cardinal – Aye
    - Buttrick – Aye
    - Jennings – Aye
    - Sajdak – Aye

- Motion Carried

6. Road Brining – Road Commission told to hold off on brining due to dry weather

7. Garbage can for Hall

- Motion to get garbage can be placed at the Township Hall.
  - Motion made by Cardinal and seconded by Proulx
  - Voice vote - Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
  - Motion Carried

### **3. Public Comment**

*The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the governing body of their views. Public Comment was held.*

- ***Public comments held***

### **5. Announcements:**

- Need Zoning Board of Appeals alternates
- Planning Special Meeting September 2, 2025, at 6:30pm

### **6. Adjourn**

- Motion to End Meeting
  - Motion made by Jennings and seconded by Cardinal
  - Voice vote of Ayes 5 and 0 Nays.
  - Motion carried meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Corey Sajdak

Corey Sajdak, Supervisor

9-9-2025

Date

Melissa Jennings

Melissa Jennings, Clerk

9/9/2025

Date