



Leroy Township

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING March 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Laveta Hardish, Treasurer Mark Christoff, Clerk Nicole Hardish, and Trustees Michael VanHouten and Jon Bolton.

A motion to approve meeting agenda was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: 0

Citizens: 2

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve as written, including the approval of the February 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the 4th quarter budget report, March financial report, post-approve payments of the February bills in the amount of \$67,440.21, and place all departmental reports on file was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular board meeting was recessed by Supervisor Hardish at 10:00 a.m. and called to order the public budget hearing.

Supervisor Hardish mentioned that the bulk of the budget's revenues comes from the State Revenue Sharing Act (not from local taxes), franchise agreement fees, and then the voted millages. The general fund has been whittled down and shows a large sum in the contingency fund to save money for the 2026 6 Mile Road improvement project. The Fire Protection/Public Works millage fund reflects a small pool of money because the Township will need to buy a new fire truck in 2026 (est. to be \$500,000). Supervisor Hardish noted that the expenses and revenues for the two funds are balanced at \$1,431,438.20. Questions were addressed and the public hearing was closed at 10:10 a.m.

The regular board meeting was reconvened.

Open Business:

The Board discussed an email received from Hallahan regarding Edgebrook Lift Station. Communications have begun between the city of Battle Creek, Caribbean, and the Township.

Supervisor Hardish is hopeful that fee amounts will be agreed upon and negotiations can begin moving toward settlement.

New Business:

A motion to post-approve payment for March appraisal service costs of \$3,925.16 to WCA Assessing was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Clerk Hardish. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the January ordinance enforcement legal fees in the amount of \$3,964 to Kreis Enderle was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Treasurer Christoff. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for the January general business legal fees in the amount of \$1,302 to Kreis Enderle was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment balance for the zoning ordinance audit costs in the amount of \$1,315 to Carlisle Wortman was made by Trustee VanHouten and supported by Trustee Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment for tree removal services in the amount of \$2,400 to C & D Tree Service was made by Trustee Bolton and supported by Clerk Hardish. Justice Fencing will be out next week to repair the chain link fencing at the boat launch that was damaged by the fallen tree. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to post-approve payment balance for road maintenance on 2½ Mile Road in the amount of \$17,318.58 to Calhoun County Road Department was made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee VanHouten. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adopt the General Appropriations Act Resolution 2026-03-01, to define the powers and duties of the Leroy Township officers in relation to the administration of the budget (Supervisor as the Chief Admin. Officer and Clerk as the Fiscal Officer); to provide remedies for refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of this resolution; to establish the Township general fund revenues for fiscal year 2026-27 to be \$1,431,438.20; to levy and collect general property tax on real and personal property upon the current tax roll in an amount equal to 2.2233 mills, made by Treasurer Christoff and supported by Trustee Bolton. Unanimous roll call vote of all board members present. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt the Salary & Wages Resolution 2026-03-02, establishing the 2026-27 salary & wage amounts for Township officials and employees, made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee Bolton. Unanimous roll call vote of all board members present. Motion carried.

A motion to approve implementing MERS Defined Contribution Plan for full-time elected officials and the ability to set up MERS 457 accounts for any employee was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Trustee Bolton. Supervisor Hardish will move forward with accumulating questions and information for the Board to make informed decisions on a future date. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with Siegfried Crandall, PC for the annual 2025-26 year-end financial audit was made by Clerk Hardish and supported by Treasurer Christoff. The audit is scheduled to begin June 10, 2026.. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board has decided to reschedule the April meeting to be on April 30th due to scheduling conflicts.

Citizen Comments: *None*

Board Comments: *None*

The next Board meeting is set for April 30th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully,

Clerk Nicole Hardish