

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
June 4, 2026

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Russ TeSlaa, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and Trustees Elliott Church, Dave DeYoung, Terry Nienhuis, and Gretchen Molotky (7:29). Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis and Finance Director Warren Smith

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Bush gave the invocation.

Citizens' Comments: Mrs. Karen VanEss addressed the Board on the status of the Lawn Avenue abandonment and her concerns.

Mr. Steven Willard was present to share his opinion on a FOIA request.

Mr. Mike Markey, candidate for State Senate, introduced himself to the Board.

Mr. TeSlaa opened a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Crossings Court Planned Unit Development. The amendment includes storage language for personal and recreational items and modified setbacks to comply with C-2 Community Commercial and modified parking calculations. Mr. TeSlaa closed the public hearing.

26-47 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Nienhuis, to approve the amendment to the Crossings Court Planned Unit Development.

Roll call vote: Yes-6, No-0, Absent-1
Resolution declared adopted

Mr. TeSlaa reviewed the consent agenda.

26-48 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Church, to approve the consent agenda including communications, operational reports (May Building Report), bills and financial transactions for the month of May, and the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 21, 2026.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Next on the agenda was an update from Nora VandenBrink from Lakeshore Advantage on the SmartZone/Surge Center. The Board then considered the proposed Holland SmartZone Local Development Authority FY2027 Budget and Contract.

26-49 A motion made by Mr. Bush and supported by Ms. Molotky to approve the Holland SmartZone Local Development Authority FY2027 Budget and Contracts.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The Board then held a second reading on one 2026 Text Amendment for Sec. 9-20 – Outdoor Displays, Sales, Temporary.

26-50 A motion was made by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. Dalman to approve Ordinance No. 667 – 2026 Text Amendment for Sec. 9-20 – Outdoor Displays, Sales, Temporary.

Roll call vote: Yes-7, No-0, Absent-0
Motion declared adopted

The Board then had a second reading and considered for adoption one Zoning Text Amendment – 352 Beeline Road (Parcel 70-16-20-200-016) – R-2 Moderate Density Residential to R-2A Medium Density Residential.

- 26-51 A motion made by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. Nienhuis to approve Ordinance No. 668 changing 352 Beeline Road (Parcel 70-16-20-200-016) from R-2 Moderate Density Residential to R-2A Medium Density Residential.

Roll call vote: Yes-7, No-0, Absent-0
Motion declared adopted

The Board then reviewed the proposed 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2027-2032. Warren Smith, Finance Director, and Township Manager Steve Bulthuis reviewed the plan. Board members are asked to review the plan and suggest or recommend any changes and then approve the proposed 2027-2032 CIP, as adjusted, at the July 16 Board meeting.

Mr. Smith also briefly told the Board of the Audit Report from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC.

The next item for consideration was the acceptance of an offer to sell a parcel of vacant land in the Holland Charter Township Industrial Park. An offer for the Parcel (No. 70-16-05-300-042) located west of the intersection of Ransom Street and Hallacy Drive has been made by Grand Rapids Iron & Metal, LLC for the purchase price of \$883,400.00. Frank Schuller representing Grand Rapids Iron & Metal was present to describe the company and answer questions.

- 26-52 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve the purchase agreement with Grand Rapids Iron & Metal, LLC.

Roll call vote: Yes-7, No-0, Absent-0
Resolution declared adopted

The next item on the agenda was an Interlocal Agreement for Ottawa County to approve the Designated Assessor. It is extremely unlikely the situation contemplated by this agreement would occur, but if needed Brian Busscher, County Equalization Director, would be designated as the Designated Assessor in the event an assumption of assessing duties by the County is needed.

- 26-53 Mr. Bush offered a motion, supported by Mr. Nienhuis, to approve Brian Busscher as the Designated Assessor if needed.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The Board then considered a license agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Holland. The license agreement is to allow alcohol at a special upcoming fundraising event called the Tour de Mac on July 16, 2026 at Dunton Park. A similar event was held in prior years with no problems noted.

- 26-54 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Dalman, that the license agreement with the Boys and Girls Club for the Tour de Mac on July 16, 2026 be approved.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Mr. Bulthuis then reviewed his manager's report. Committee members shared their reports. Board members shared information updates and questions.

26-55

Mr. DeYoung made a motion, supported by Ms. Molotky, that the Holland Charter Township Board authorize an independent third-party investigation into allegations and complaints involving selective enforcement, disparate treatment, retaliation, and inconsistent application of township policies and ordinances.

The purpose of this investigation shall be to determine whether township policies were properly followed, identify any needed corrective actions or policy changes, and provide transparency, accountability, and public confidence in township government.

The investigator shall be independent of township administration and provide a written report of findings and recommendations to the Board upon completion.

This motion does not presume wrongdoing by any individual. It simply seeks an objective review of matters that have generated significant concerns among citizens, employees, and members of this Board.

Voting: Yes-2, No-5
Motion declared defeated

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Russell TeSlaa, Supervisor