

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
March 19, 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 and Gretchen Molotky. Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis.

Absent: Trustee Terry Nienhuis

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

The Board then considered a request from Trustee DeYoung to add an agenda item he provided called Update on Selective Enforcement by Holland Charter Township staff.

26-25 Moved by Mr. DeYoung and supported by Mr. Church, to approve the motion to add an agenda item.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Citizen's Comments: Mr. Steven Willard was present to express his views.

Mr. TeSlaa reviewed the consent agenda.

26-26 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Dalman, to approve the consent agenda including communications (Thank you from Lakeshore Advantage and Tulip Time), operational reports (February Activity Reports for Fire Department and Sheriff's Department), and the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 5, 2026.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Ms. Molotky introduced and the Board had a first reading on one Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment – 0 (vac) Quincy Street (Parcel 70-16-09-100-012) – AG Agriculture to R-2A Medium Density.

Ms. Molotky introduced and the Board had a first reading on one Zoning Text Amendment – Section 9.14 – Keeping of Farm Animal, chickens, and Bees to permit chickens on non-farm properties in the AG Agricultural, R-1 Low Density Residential, and R-2 Moderate Density Residential Zoning Districts under certain conditions.

The Board then had a second reading and considered for adoption one conditional Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment – 188 N. Jefferson Ave. and part of 320 W. McKinley Ave. (Parcel 70-16-13-453-007 & -006) – I-2 General Industrial and R-2 Moderate Density Residential to C-2 Community Commercial.

26-27 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, and supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve Ordinance #665 - Conditional Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment – 188 N. Jefferson Ave. and part of 320 W. McKinley Ave. (Parcel 70-16-13-453-007 & -006) – I-2 General Industrial and R-2 Moderate Density Residential to C-2 Community Commercial.

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

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a proposal to update the Township's Parks and Recreation Plan. The recommendation is to accept the proposal from MCSA Group, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500 to complete the update.

26-28 Moved by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. DeYoung to approve the proposal with MCSA Group, Inc. to update the Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Fire Chief to establish and maintain a Cadet/Explorer Program within the fire department.

26-29 A resolution was offered by Mr. Dalman and supported by Ms. Molotky to authorize the fire chief to establish and maintain a Cadet/Explorer Program within the fire department.

All supported the resolution
Resolution declared adopted

The next items on the agenda were three operational and capital improvement expenditures. The first item for consideration was a mobile oxygen generating system for the fire department. The recommendation from Chief Tibbets is to approve the low bid from Novair-USA in the amount of \$83,489.20.

26-30 Moved by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. Dalman to approve the proposal from Novair-USA for a mobile oxygen generating system.

Roll call vote: Yes-5, No-1, Absent-1
Motion declared adopted

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a proposal for cleaning services for Township facilities. A committee of Township employees met and interviewed the five companies that responded with bids and the recommendation is to award a three-year contract with Enviro-Clean for the cleaning of Township facilities in the amount of \$341,811 annually.

26-31 Moved by Mr. Dalman and supported by Mr. Bush to approve the proposal with Enviro-Clean for cleaning services for Township facilities.

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

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of vehicle purchases for the Public Works Department. These are replacement trucks and the recommendation is to approve the low bid from Barber Ford plus an allocation of \$10,000 for the installation of emergency lighting for a total amount not to exceed \$181,130 for five new pick-up trucks.

26-33 Moved by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. DeYoung to approve the vehicle purchase from Barber Ford for the Public Works Department.

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

Mr. Steven Willard, joined by Trustee DeYoung, presented an update on their research on Selective Enforcement. Mr. DeYoung presented motions that did not move forward at this point in time due to lack of support. The first was a motion that the Board determine the need for confidentiality no longer exists, and that the Board release the information and records associated with a closed session to the extent permitted by the Michigan Open Meetings Act. The second was a motion to allow the Board to have open discussion in that session so the public can better understand how the Township staff handled the motions. He also moved that the

Township engage in and authorize an independent third party investigation to review Township enforcement practices and the handling of employee complaints to determine whether Township policies have been applied consistently and without selective enforcement, disparate treatment, or retaliation. He invited citizens to respond to him with any issues they've experienced.

Mr. Bulhuis then reviewed his manager's report. A ribbon cutting will be held on June 23, 4:00 P.M., at Hawthorn Pond to celebrate the improvements. Committee members shared their reports. Board members shared information updates and questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Russell TeSlaa, Supervisor