



TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

*Eric Schaefer, Supervisor / Laura Bouchard, Treasurer / Kathy Medenblik, Clerk
Curt Campbell, Trustee / Ross DeMaagd, Trustee / David Stanton, Trustee / Sandra Rairigh, Trustee*

REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

Meeting held at Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E Main St., Middleville, MI 49333

1. INVOCATION

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Roll Call: 7 present 0 Absent	Schaefer Bouchard Campbell	Present Present Present	DeMaagd Stanton Rairigh Medenblik	Present Present Present Present
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Getty, Deputy Clerk Lori Geiger

Guests: 1

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

Motion Stated:	Motion by Campbell to approve the printed agenda as amended to add Agenda Item 12H - Resolution 01-2026.
Motion Supported:	Stanton
Motion Status	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion Stated:	Motion by Campbell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion Supported:	Stanton
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Stanton DeMaagd	Yes Yes	Campbell Rairigh	Yes Yes	Medenblik Schaefer Bouchard	Yes Yes Yes
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6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. CORRESPONDENCE: None

8. COUNTY REPORT:

Commissioner Getty reported the following activity:

- Commissioner Smelker sends his regrets that he is not able to be present.
- The Commission re-elected the same chair, vice-chair, and all committee assignments stayed the same.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13, am.
- They will continue to meet twice per month.

Mr. Schaefer thanked the Commissioner.

9. RESERVED TIME: Chief Richardson

Year End Overview of outcomes:

- Chief Richardson credits his crews for working hard. The Chief continues to work to improve metrics for responses to increase positive patient outcomes, such as reducing time from on-scene to leaving for the hospital, making sure patients can get an EKG, etc.
- The Chief highlights their positive record for identifying strokes - TTES transported 38 persons with stroke symptoms; TTES avg. on-scene time for stroke victims is 14:32 and the national avg. response time is 20 minutes.

10. Emergency Services Report:

- a. Chief's Run Report Summary:
 - 30 POC (paid on-call) responses; out-the-door time is 57 seconds.
 - Response time in the township is 7:19; outside of the township 11:03.
 - 8 structure fires; 10 motor vehicle accidents.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Clerk's Report including:
 - Minutes of Budget Meeting December 16th 2025
 - Revenue and Expenditure Report (November and December)
 - Invoice GL Distribution Report and Approval List
 - Vendor Check Run (November and December)
 - Fund Register (November and December)
 - AP Invoice Approval (November and December)

Motion Stated:	Motion by Rairigh to approve the clerk's report for December.
Motion Supported:	Campbell
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Rairigh Medenblik	Yes Yes	Schaefer DeMaagd	Yes Yes	Bouchard Stanton Campbell	Yes Yes Yes
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12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Purchase of a new station range.

Background: The station stove is past its useful life and needs to be replaced.

Motion Stated:	Motion by DeMaagd to approve the purchase of a new station range for a cost not to exceed \$800.00.
Motion Supported:	Campbell
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	DeMaagd Medenblik	Yes Yes	Rairigh Schaefer	Yes Yes	Bouchard Stanton Campbell	Yes Yes Yes
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B. Purchase of new pagers.

Background: With pagers going out for repair, more pagers are needed to provide members while their pagers are being repaired.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Rairigh to approve the purchase of 800 MHz pagers, not to exceed \$2,400.00.
Motion Supported:	Campbell
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Bouchard Campbell Medenblik	Yes Yes Yes	Rairigh Schaefer	Yes Yes	Stanton DeMaagd	Yes Yes
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C. Class Fees for Fire Officer 4

Background: Fire Officer 4 is the latest educational opportunity for fire chiefs.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Rairigh to approve the cost of Fire Officer 4 training, not to exceed \$800.00.
Motion Supported:	Stanton
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	DeMaagd Rairigh	Yes Yes	Medenblik Bouchard Campbell	Yes Yes Yes	Schaefer Stanton	Yes Yes
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D. TTES Discretionary Spending Adjustment.

Background: Due to increased cost and inflation, the \$500 limit has become impractical.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Stanton to raise the TTES discretionary spending limit from \$500 to \$1,000.00.
Motion Supported:	Rairigh

Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.
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Roll Call:	Bouchard Medenblik Schaefer	Yes Yes Yes	Campbell DeMaagd	Yes Yes	Rairigh Stanton	Yes Yes
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E. Change the approval method for TTES spending.

Background: The amounts for the EMS Committee approval are already within the budgeted amounts and requiring full township board approval often causes unnecessary delays.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Schaefer to let the EMS Committee approve budgeted purchases of \$10,000.00 or less.
Motion Supported:	Campbell
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Stanton Campbell DeMaagd	Yes Yes Yes	Medenblik Rairigh	Yes Yes	Schaefer Bouchard	Yes Yes
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F. Thornapple River Water Trail Steering Committee MOU.

Background: The purpose of this MOU is to establish a cooperative relationship between the Thornapple River Water Trail Steering Committee and Thornapple Township for the development, promotion, and management of the Thornapple River Water Trail.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Campbell to allow the Supervisor to sign an MOU on behalf of the Township Board.
Motion Supported:	Stanton
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Medenblik Rairigh	Yes Yes	Campbell DeMaagd	Yes Yes	Schaefer Stanton Bouchard	Yes Yes Yes
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G. Thornapple Township Website ADA Compliance

Background: Per the DOJ requirements, we have to make our website ADA compliant.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Campbell to have Pixelvine make our website ADA compliant for a cost not to exceed \$2000 for the first year, \$1500 following years.
Motion Supported:	Medenblik
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	DeMaagd Medenblik	Yes Yes	Rairigh Schaefer	Yes Yes	Stanton Bouchard Campbell	Yes Yes Yes
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H. Resolution 01-2026 Poverty Guidelines

Background: The Township must update its poverty guidelines yearly.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Medenblik to adopt Resolution 01-2026, poverty guidelines for 2026.
Motion Supported:	Rairigh
Motion Status	Approved by roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call:	Medenblik Rairigh Schaefer	Yes Yes Yes	Stanton Bouchard	Yes Yes	Campbell DeMaagd	Yes Yes
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13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Administration (Schaefer, Bouchard, Medenblik)
 - Welcome Lori Geiger, new Deputy Clerk.
- B. Cemetery (Medenblik, DeMaagd, Rairigh)
 - It's getting busier.
- C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer)
 - Planning for the Riverbank Music Series, location TBD.
- D. Elections (Medenblik, Bouchard, Schaefer)
 - An Election is coming in May, preparations will begin for that.
- E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh)
 - Observation by Mr. DeMaagd: there is significant TTES call volume within the city of Hastings.
- F. Finance (Bouchard, Medenblik, Rairigh)
 - No report.
- G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Schaefer)
 - The 5 year rec plan is approved, the process ongoing.
- H. Personnel and Compensation (Medenblik, Campbell, Schaefer)
 - No report.
- I. Property and Public Utilities (Stanton, DeMaagd, Campbell)
 - Mr. Stanton is following up with Nathan at Matrix regarding HVAC in the Fire Station.
- J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Stanton)
 - Attended a good meeting at the Road Commission this past week. The RC encouraged the townships to continue their contributions.
- K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Stanton, Schaefer)
 - Jim Dull, Drain Commissioner, agreed to pay \$5,000 toward a sewer break that occurred close to work that had been done by the drain commission to improve Duncan Lake drain #2.

14. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Catherine Getty, Barry County Commissioner - Ms. Getty highlighted the in-person Citizen Planner training available in Hastings starting March 3 for a cost of \$250.00. It is a valuable training and good opportunity.

15. POLL OF MEMBERS:

- David Stanton (Trustee) - nothing.
- Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) - Welcome to Lori!
- Curt Campbell - (Trustee) - nothing.
- Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) - Welcome, Lori.
- Laura Bouchard (Treasurer) - nothing.
- Kathy Medenblik (Clerk) - Welcome, Lori.
- Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) - Welcome, Lori.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 8:03 P.M.

Motion Stated:	Motion by Campbell to adjourn at 8:03 P.M.
Motion Supported:	Stanton
Motion Status	Approved by voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.


 Signed Township Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Dykgraaf, Recording Secretary