

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
April 16, 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. Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis and Legal Counsel Ron Bultje.

Absent: None

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

Citizen's Comments: Mr. Steven Willard was present to express his information on modified exhaust enforcement disparity.

Representative Brad Slagh was present to thank the Board for their work and provide an update on legislative activities from Lansing, including an update on the Southridge Air Base and a doctor's compact for Michigan. He answered questions from the Board.

Brian Sapita, Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs from Comcast, was present to introduce himself to the Township Board.

Mr. TeSlaa reviewed the consent agenda.

26-34 A motion was made by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Bush, to approve the consent agenda including communications (none), operational reports (March Building Report, Sheriff Activity Report, and Fire Department Activity Report), bills and financial transactions for the month of March, and the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 19, 2026.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

At this time Ron Bultje, Township Legal Counsel, presented the Board with updated information on Board procedures and the history of the Lawn Avenue settlement.

The Board had a second reading and considered for adoption one Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment – 0 (vac) Quincy Street (Parcel 70-16-09-100-012) – AG Agriculture to R-2A Medium Density.

26-35 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, and supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve Ordinance #666 – 0 (vac) Quincy Street (Parcel 70-16-09-100-012) – AG Agriculture to R-2A Medium Density.

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

Mr. Bulthuis then reviewed the March 31, 2026 interim financial report prepared by Finance Director Warren Smith.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of a Resolution to place a Public Safety millage proposition on the August 4, 2026 primary election ballot. The millage would be 1.75 mills for a period of 4 years. This would pay the cost for public safety services to provide emergency medical response and care for policing services to provide community directed law enforcement, traffic safety and enforcement, and other general policing and public safety services.

26-36 A Resolution was offered by Mr. Dalman and supported by Ms. Molotky to place a Public Safety millage proposition for 1.75 mills on the August 4, 2026 primary election ballot.

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

The next item for consideration was a request for the installation of a streetlight at 588 Howard Avenue. Township staff recommends approval of the request.

26-37 A motion was made by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to approve the streetlight installation for 588 Howard Avenue and authorize the Manager to complete the necessary activities with the appropriate utility company.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of several appropriations recommended for approval by the Appropriations Committee. The organizations include: Hospice of Holland (\$2500), Holland Community Theatre (\$500), Zeeland Historical Society (\$5000), and American Legion Band (\$3000). The total appropriation amount is \$11,000.

26-38 Mr. Bush offered a resolution, supported by Mr. Nienhuis, to approve appropriations in the amount of \$11,000 to various organizations.

All supported the resolution
Resolution declared adopted

Next the board considered two Quit Claim Deeds for abandoned Ottawa Street right-of-way. The first went to 105 W. Roosevelt Avenue – Tyler and Kaitlyn Hansen.

26-39 A motion was made by Mr. Dalman, supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve the distribution of the 105 W. Roosevelt Avenue right-of-way to Tyler and Kaitlyn Hansen via a quit-claim deed signed by the Supervisor and Clerk.

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

The next Quit Claim Deed for abandoned Ottawa Street right-of-way went to 87 W. Roosevelt Avenue – Conlin and Jamie Britton.

26-40 A motion was made by Mr. Dalman, supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve the distribution of 87 W. Roosevelt Ave. of abandoned Ottawa Street right-of-way to Conlin and Jamie Britton via a quit-claim deed signed by the Supervisor and Clerk.

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

Mr. Bulthuis then reviewed his manager's report. A reminder that 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 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Russell TeSlaa, Supervisor