

# Annual Meeting 2026

March 10, 2026

The clerk called the meeting to order at 3 pm, and the Pledge was recited. Present were Clerk Sue Dutcher and Townspeople; Ed Hattenberger, Dick Prenovost, Tammy Schmeling, Bobbi Butler, Kim Crow, Todd Crow, Kathy Thompson, Jim Bramstedt, Kathy Horbacz and Allan Moon. Also present were Gussie Croup and Even Mohrbacher.

Ed Hattenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Crow, motioned to nominate Dick Prenovost as meeting moderator. 12 /0. Motion passed.

The moderator read the agenda, and asked for any additions or corrections. The agenda was accepted with a motion Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Horbacz. 12/0. Motion passed.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting. The minutes were accepted by a motion from Jim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy. 12/0. Motion passed.

Dick explained that the previous year's levy was set at \$130,680.00 and he does not recommend raising the levy this year.

Kim gave the Planning Committee Report. He reported that the committee has finished the comprehensive plan and are working on the township zoning ordinance. The new ordinance will have some changes including the need for driveway permits, and that building without permits will result in the permit cost being tripled. The report was accepted with a motion from Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. 12/0 Motion passed.

General Discussion of Items of Concern:

Kathy H. ask if the board would begin paying the planning committee? Dick responded that this would be decided at the reorganization meeting in April.

There was discussion of the cost of fire protection. Ed reported that the cost of equipment has gone up, and Kim added that one township has left resulting in the other townships having to absorb the cost. Gussie advised that there is a way to negotiate the cost of fire service.

There was discussion on the difference between renting the Oddfellows or meeting at the Community Room versus owning a hall. Kim and Dick explained that while running the township is more expensive on a monthly basis is more expensive, the township now has many assets it didn't have in years past.

Dick announced that Sue is retiring and that Gussie will be sworn in on March 21, 2026 at 10 am.

Gussie commended the Board on how hard they worked and the great growth she has seen in the township.

There was a motion by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed, to recess the meeting until September 9, 2026 at 8:15 pm at the town hall. 12/0 Motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 3:50 pm.

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Chairman Ed Hattenberger

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Clerk Sue Dutcher