

EMMETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026

The January board of trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was followed by the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken with Kot, Jackson, Butler, Keith Scott, and Reliford all present.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reliford and support by Keith Scott. Motion passed. The consent agenda consisted of the December 10th meeting minutes and the December financial statement. The December financial statement is as follows: CD's \$77,956.33, tax acct. \$671,069.89, trust & agency \$9,373.97, bldg. admin. \$20,790.38, general fund \$19,418.41, revenue sharing \$650,020.68, park \$35,282.43, fire millage \$36,462.63 and road millage \$99,979.21. Accounts payable for December had a total paid expenses of \$17,616.39 paid out of the general fund.

Jackson made a motion to approve the new 3-year fire contract, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, with cost increases set at 3% for 2026, 4% for 2027, and 5% for 2028 for both the operating and equipment budgets. The total 2026 payment from the Township will be \$86,776.59 based off of a 5-year run average. The first payment is due April 1, 2026. The 2027 and 2028 payments will also be based off of a 5-year run average. This approval includes a correction to the Area of Coverage language in the contract as it is incorrect. Reliford supported the motion.

Roll call vote: Jackson; Yea, Butler; Yea, K. Scott; Yea, Reliford; Yea, and Kot; Yea.

Motion carried.

The Township is having difficulty getting another quote for tree removal. The board discussed more companies to ask for bids.

Winter taxes payments are steadily coming through. Treasurer Kot has been making regular runs up to Jeremy's Automotive to make sure she receives any payments that may have been delivered there while the Township office is closed.

Supervisor Butler attended the December 16 Road Commissioner Meeting to discuss the issues with Carney Rd expenses. The commissioners had no idea about

the drastic increase in price the Township was to incur. Butler and the St Clair County Road Commission have been working on coming to an agreement on what the final expenditures will be.

The Township's 2026 Local Road Funding Assistance Program application for the culvert on Carney Rd over the Gleason Drain was approved. Butler made a motion approved and sign the work order not to exceed the estimated \$50,000 total for a 50/50 split of \$25,000 in Township funds and \$25,000 in Road Commission funds. K. Scott seconded the motion.

Roll call: Butler; Yea, K. Scott; Yea, Reliford; Yea, Kot; Yea, and Jackson; Yea. Motion was passed.

The Earned Sick Time Policy is still in the works.

Butler made a motion to approve the 2026 calendars for the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. K. Scott supported.

All in favor Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion was passed.

Appointments for the Zoning Board of Appeals are being held off as replacements are still needed. The Board would like openings for the ZBA to be mentioned in the Township Newsletter.

Butler made a motion to appoint Mike Hull for a 3-year term to the Planning/Park Committee and was supported by Reliford.

All in favor Aye: 5 Nay 0

Motion carried.

The Board discussed contacting the Township attorney for proper wording for renewals to the Fire and Road Millages to be put on the August Election Ballot. The Board wants to inquire about operating millage renewal language as well.

Drafts by departments for the township newsletter are being submitted to the Board. Information is needed by February to be able to be included in the assessment mailings to residents. The Board discussed having the dumpster day date be May 16, 2026. Supervisor Butler will contact Jeff's Rubbish to confirm.

Resolution#2026-1: 2026 Poverty Exemption Policy, Guidelines and Asset Test, was accepted with a motion made by Butler and supported by K. Scott.

Roll call: K. Scott; Yea, Reliford; Yea, Kot; Yea, Jackson; Yea, and Butler; Yea.
Motion was passed.

A special meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of a budget workshop for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Supervisor Butler made a motion to approve the Ready Set Mail Quote of \$1,229.58 for the mailing of the 2026 assessment notices. Kot seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Reliford; Yea, Kot; Yea, Jackson; Yea, Butler; Yea and K. Scott; Yea.
Motion carried.

Training for the Board of Review will be January 27, 2026.

Planning Commission gave their report.

The Park Committee updated the board on grant projects they have been working on.

The Building Administrator's report consisted of 12 items for the month of December.

There is nothing for the Enforcement Officer's report.

Correspondence: Maintenance work is being done on the Sheehy Drain. Landowners on that drain have been sent a letter by St. Clair County about the work being done.

Jeff's Rubbish sent a letter that due to continued rising costs of the economy, there will be a rate increase effective January 1, 2026.

The annual Township meeting with the St. Clair County Road Commission will be February 17, 2026 at 3:15 p.m.

There were no visitor comments.

Butler made a motion to adjourn and was supported by K. Scott, Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Jackson, Clerk