

PLEASANTVIEW TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2025

Meeting called to order by R. Beydoun at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Rocky Beydoun: Supervisor; Debra Bosma: Clerk; Robert Latimer: Treasurer; George Bloomfield: Trustee; Jim Rummer: Trustee

Absent: None

Guests: Amie Tiffany: D. Clerk/Secretary; Creston Scheel: Zoning Administrator; Mark Oliver; Roger Tolzdorf: Board of Review Chairman; Earl Ross: Planning Commission Chairman; Noemi Turner; Cindy Boswell; Katherine Boyer; Stephanie Janes; Jonathon DeWindt; Tim Turner; Amy Flavin; Gregory Kris; Bill & Gail Taylor; Joe Lavender: Up North Assessing; Nick Couture: Up North Assessing; Allen Kozlowski; Terry Fagan; Dean Olson; Erin Fortune; Mike Hall; Eric Weimer; William Whitefoot; Cathy Neff-Sieger; Jennifer DeBlesic; Dirk Shorter; Paul Mooradian; Nancy McFadden; Brooke Maki; David McVicker; Michael Komar; Craig Caddy

Pledge of Allegiance.

Items Added to Agenda:

- A. Pleasantview Township now has a Facebook Account.
- B. Cemetery Seminar on June 18 in Gaylord for Clerks and Sextants.

Items Removed from Agenda: None

Public Comment on Agenda: See below.

Motion was made by J. Rummer to accept the agenda with the 2 additions and to move the Short-Term Rental Discussion to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the visitors. Second by R. Latimer. **Passed.**

Short-Term Rental Discussion: R. Beydoun started the discussion with the statement: “ We as Board members are here to serve you. You elected us and put us in office. We are here to represent you not the other way around.” Creston Scheel started the discussion with a recommendation to the Board to postpone the current draft of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance in favor of putting together an exploratory committee to gather more information on complaints, to more accurately identify areas of concern before proceeding with a regulatory framework. Noemi Turner, Cindy Boswell, Jonathan DeWindt, Tim Turner, Amy Flavin, Eric Weimer, William Whitefoot, Paul Mooradian & Brooke Maki spoke to the matter. A lively discussion followed. A sign-up list for the Exploratory Committee was presented for people to join the committee.

Motion was made by R. Latimer to move the hiring of a deputy treasurer to the beginning of the agenda to facilitate her being able to leave. G. Bloomfield seconded. **Passed.**

Hiring of a Deputy Treasurer: Erin Fortune’s resume was presented. R. Latimer motioned to appoint Erin Fortune to the position of Deputy Treasurer. G. Bloomfield seconded. **Passed.**

Creston Scheel asked that the remainder of the Zoning Administration section be moved to the beginning of the agenda. D. Bosma so moved. R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.**

Creston Scheel asked the Board to consider the rezoning of the southern half of parcel 11-13-27-100-002 from R-1 (Residential-1) to RR (Recreation Resort). The Planning Commission recommended this to be approved. The lawyer recommended that due to a procedural error the Planning Commission needs to rehear the case. This will be reheard in a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission of 06/12/2025 @ 6:30pm.

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda: None

Correspondence and Appointments: None

Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes:** J. Rummer motioned to accept the minutes from the 03/18/2025 regular meeting as written. D. Bosma seconded. **Passed.**
- B. Review Fiscal Budget 2024/2025:** D. Bosma motioned to approve the budget with improvements to come. R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.**
- C. Pay Accounts Payable Bills:** D. Bosma motioned to pay all the bills R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.**
- D. Pay Payroll:** D. Bosma motioned to pay the payroll for a total of \$8,740.84. R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.**

Reports and Meetings:

- A. Treasurer's Report: R. Latimer**
 - a. Account balances were presented.
- B. Clerk's Report: D. Bosma**
 - a. Thank you letter from MTA, thanking everyone for working diligently throughout the year.
 - b. Would like to attend a class on 06/18/25 for cemetery sextants. R. Latimer motioned to send D. Bosma and G. Bloomfield to this class. J. Rummer seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** J. Rummer – Y; G. Bloomfield – Y; R. Beydoun – Y; R. Latimer – Y; D. Bosma – Y. **Passed.**
 - c. D. Bosma noted that a gentleman who lived outside the township asked permission for a cremation burial to be buried in the North Ayr Cemetery. Discussion was held. N. Ayr Cemetery is full and closed. G. Bloomfield motioned to follow the ordinance that only township residents be allowed to be buried within the township. D. Bosma seconded. Motion was approved with a 4:1 vote to not allow people from outside Pleasantview Township to be buried within the Township.
 - d. Results of the 05/16/2025 Clerks Meeting. There may or may not be an election in November. Contracts are up with ESS in 2028 and we may need to buy new equipment.
 - e. D. Bosma asked for a letter to our state representatives supporting ES&S election programs and equipment which include test decks.
 - f. D. Bosma motioned to approve Resolution 20-2024/2025 in Support of Emergency Storm Disaster Relief for Northern Michigan. G. Bloomfield seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** R. Latimer – Y; J. Rummer – Y; R. Beydoun – Y; G. Bloomfield – Y; D. Bosma – Y. **Passed.**
- C. Supervisor's Report: R. Beydoun**
 - a. Corrective action is being taken to improve policies and procedures to benefit of the public. The Board is here to represent the people. The Township is taking steps to streamline the operations in the township.
 - b. We are looking for a contractor or advisor who specializes in handling grants. D. Bosma motioned to put an ad in the paper to hire a person for grant handling. J. Rummer seconded. **Passed.**
 - c. The Township is looking for a third party accountant to balance the books on a monthly basis which should reduce the costs of yearly audits.
- D. Board of Review:** R. Tolzdorf – Next meeting is 07/23/2025.
- E. Planning Commission:** E. Ross - Next regular meeting is 07/17/2025 @ 6:30PM.
 - a. E. Ross has set 2 working sessions: 05/27/25 @ 10am and 05/29/25 at 10am to work on R-2 Zoning. Permission was asked for a Special Meeting is scheduled for 06/12/25 at 6:30pm to review R-2 and to revote on the rezoning of the southern half of parcel 11-13-27-100-002 from R-1 (Residential-1) to RR (Recreation Resort). D. Bosma motioned to allow the meeting on 06/12/25. R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.**
- F. Zoning Board of Appeals: R. Tolzdorf -** ZBA has accepted the ZBA: Rules of Procedure. They voted on one meeting a year for to hold officer elections. Any meetings needed by the Zoning Administrator will be scheduled as needed.
- G. Emmet County Road Commission:** Next meeting is 05/22/2025 @ 8AM.
 - a. R. Beydoun asked that a letter of support be written to the Road Commission thanking them for their clean-up efforts.
- H. Emmet County MTA:** next meeting is 07/16/2025 @ Logan's Landing @6pm.

I. Fire Authority:

- a. The new pumper truck has been postponed until next year.
- b. A discussion was held regarding the increased fire danger due to ice storm damage.

J. Airport Authority – R. Beydoun mentioned the next budget is \$2.7 million.

K. Zoning Administration: Creston Scheel, Zoning Administrator. (moved to beginning of meeting)

L. Assessor: Nick Couture and Joe Lavender with Up North Assessing.

- a. Reported on the Assessing Audit follow-ups which was submitted in the week of 05/12/25.

Unfinished Business:

A. Township Goals:

- a. **Policy & Procedure Book** – ongoing
- b. **Resolution and By-Law Refresh:** By Planning Commission.
- c. **Ordinance Updates:** R. Beydoun/ Michael Bila/ Debra Bosma -

New Business:

- A. A Noise Ordinance and now to deal with noise issues was discussed.
- B. **Emmet County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Resolution 19-2024/2025. Motion was made by J. Rummer to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan as written. D. Bosma seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** G. Bloomfield – Y; D. Bosma – Y; R. Beydoun – Y; R. Latimer – Y; J. Rummer – Y. **Passed.**
- C. **G. Bloomfield asked for an increase in the cost of cemetery upkeep from \$300.00 to \$370.00** to cover maintenance of machinery. J. Rummer motioned to approve the increase to \$370.00. R. Latimer seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** R. Beydoun – Y; R. Latimer – Y; J. Rummer – Y; G. Bloomfield – Abstain; D. Bosma – Y. **Passed.**
- D. **Resolutions 1-2025/2026 thru 4-2025/2026:** postponed until June 17, 2025.
- E. **Cemetery Clean-up status:** Storm damage is cleaned up and the cemeteries are safe to utilize. Some trees will need to be removed in the future but are currently safe.
- F. **Facebook page has been set up.** Facebook administration and website page administration was discussed.


Adjournment: D. Bosma moved that the meeting be adjourned. R. Latimer seconded. **Passed.** The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

I, the undersigned, Debra Bosma, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Pleasantview, Emmet County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 20th Day of May 2025.

Minutes approved on: June 17, 2025



Debra Bosma, Pleasantview Township Clerk



Rocky Beydoun, Pleasantview Township Supervisor

