Hancock Township

54660 State Highway M203 /PO Box 517 Hancock, MI 49930

The regular meeting, September 14, 2026, of Hancock Twp. Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Young.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Clerk Maki and supported by Supervisor Young to accept the treasurer's report with a total fund balance of $538,268.62 as presented by Treasurer Moore. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Supervisor Young and supported by Trustee Pietila to pay the August bills totaling $4,734.75 vouchers 13273 through 13283. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

- no Fire or EMS call this month

-cemetery-2 cremains, sold 4 lots – officially closing end of September but gates will remain open until end of October or first snow

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Charter-changing names of packages, no cost changes

-Michigan Dept. of Treasury-comments on F-65 (fiscal report)

-WUPPDR-58th Annual Meeting, Mariner North in Copper Harbor, Monday, Sept. 21 at 4:00 with social hour/dinner to follow

OLD BUSINESS:

-Supervisor Young finalized door replacement on firehall with MJO doing the work and McGann Lumber giving the door at cost.

-Looking into local auditor, hoping they can add us to schedule to get done asap

-Mark Maki's (assessor) contract renewal sent to lawyer for approval

-Decker Insurance – insurance coverage levels good except contents on cemetery storage unit. Raising level to match hall storage unit.

-Propane contract for winter signed with Settler's Coop for $1.42/keep full

-Data Centers – ongoing discussion, Adam Griffis email about possible group meeting – it was discussed to follow up again and check on date/place of meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

-Ruth Gill-presented information on library ballot millage proposal-.7 mills (which is about $36 per year for an average home) compared to using library in Houghton which is $110 individual/$155 family yearly. Library offers multiple services including computers, equipment/games and home equipment - all available for weekly loan. Many township patrons attended meeting in support of the library millage.

-Millage rates set by Mark Maki (assessor) in accordance with 2024 operating millage ballot language

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Beth Flynn-newspaper article regarding current administration

-Dorothy Riutta-information about data centers

-Various township residents speaking in favor of library ballot millage request

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Maki to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Jo Maki, Clerk Mike Young, Supervisor