

CATO TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/10/2025

Time: 6:00pm

309 S. Lincoln, Lakeview MI

Pledge of Allegiance Brandi Clark-Hubbard

Roll Call Brandi Clark-Hubbard, Supervisor David Behrenwald, Trustee
Jamie Boehm, Treasurer Marcy Myers, Trustee
Ginger Imhoff, Clerk Also present: Dave Kelsey Zoning Administrator

Agenda Motion #1 Myers Support Boehm Yes 5 No 0
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes Motion #2 Myers Support Imhoff Yes 5 No 0
Motion to approve the minutes from 01/13/25 regular meeting and 01/30/25 special meeting.

Public Comment None

Treasurer Motion #3 Imhoff Support Myers Yes 5 No 0
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Clerk Motion #4 Behrenwald Support Boehm Yes 5 No 0
Motion to approve the bill report as presented.
Roll Call: Clark-Hubbard; Boehm; Imhoff; Myers; Behrenwald motion passed.

Zoning Dave Kelsey/ Issued permits for a home and storage building
Violations: 6685 Hemlock: in default since 10/22/24. A new ticket is being issued; the current fine is \$260.
11589 Juniper: Another ticket was issued on 01/12, bringing fines to \$785

Planning Myers/Land Division: Is working with one family on an application. The family needs to apply for variances regarding property line setbacks before the division can be finalized.
Commission David Behrenwald: The Planning Commission will meet on March 12th, and McKenna will attend to discuss updates to the zoning map and residential lake boundaries.
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): There's growing interest in tiny homes and in-law suites. The county has relaxed requirements for tiny homes, with minimum square footage for foundations varying between 360-850 sq. ft.
Zoning Board of Appeals: Scheduled a public hearing on 02/21 regarding a variance request for reduced property line setbacks and increased height limits for a sawmill.

Fire District Firefighter Recruitment: Two new recruits are in training. The total number of firefighters right now is 47.
Automatic Aid Agreement: The department has switched from a contract with Montcalm Township for \$3,500 per year to covering part of Montcalm Township under automatic aid. This ensures quicker response times for both departments.

Supervisor

- Assessing – The 2025 assessment notices will be mailed this week
– The March Board of Review dates are set:
Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 4th at 11:00 AM
Appeals Hearing #1: Monday, March 10th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Appeals Hearing #2: Tuesday, March 11th from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Roads – The road commission is proposing contracts for several roads. The county is allocating \$100,000, and the township needs to match this amount. Proposals will be available soon for review.

Supervisor cont.

Legal PA 233 Appeal: The legal team filed a brief outlining arguments against the Michigan Public Service Commission's reconstruction of PA 233. While the court denied a motion for a stay on development, the legal team is confident the appeal will uphold the integrity of PA 233. Over 110 townships have supported the appeal.

Events MTA Meeting: Scheduled for February 18th at 6:00 PM at the American Legion in Stanton. Speaker: Todd Satler from the Montcalm County Drain Commission.

MTA Annual Educational Conference: The event will occur from March 31st to April 3rd in Grand Rapids. Those interested should check the registration details.

World Ice Fishing Tournament: Scheduled for Friday to Sunday at Tamarack Lake.

Old Business None

New Business

Motion # 5	Myers	Support	Clark-Hubbard	Yes 5	No 0
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Motion to limit fee waivers. Waivers will only be extended to two community-wide events per year (e.g., Summerfest, Winterfest), with a deposit required for these events.

Motion #6	Clark-Hubbard	Support	Myers	Yes 5	No 0
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Motion to appoint Ginger Imhoff to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a regular member.

Public Comment There were comments referencing "tiny homes" in the township.

Adjourn

Motion #7	Myers	Support	Imhoff	Yes 5	No 0
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Motion to adjourn at 6:45pm.

Recorded by:
Ginger Imhoff
Cato Township Clerk