

Perry Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2026

Present: Mark Fulks, Supervisor; Veronica Howard, Clerk; Troy Parmalee, Treasurer; Francis Griffith and Mark Fraser, Trustees.

Guest: Maggie Saint Amour; Beth Andrus, Planning Commission; Cindy Garber, County Commissioner; Angela Norling, Shiawassee 911 Director; Al Sipes; Mikyla Sweet, Perry Township Assessor; Matthew Shepard, County Commissioner

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Fraser, supported by Griffith, to approve the agenda. All ayes Carried.

Motion by Griffith, supported by Fraser, to approve the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Annual Assessor Report: The Township Assessor, Mikyla Sweet, provided an annual update and field review information. Field reviews for the year will begin in Section 1. Property owners may deny field reviews, but denials must be submitted in writing. The March Board of Review was completed successfully with approximately 13 petitions. Residential and agricultural property values increased across the state. Inflation rates have decreased compared to prior years. Office hours are Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with appointments available outside normal hours. Property owners who pull permits automatically agree to required inspections, including assessor inspections.

SSESA: Two new ambulances are expected to arrive within approximately three weeks and are expected to be operational by the end of June.

DDA: Construction continues on the K&J Repair project, including a future auto parts store. Additional commercial construction activity is occurring throughout the Township. Several businesses have expressed interest in locating within the Township.

Zoning: Three zoning permits were processed during the previous month. A land division review and variance review were completed. One special use permit application was reviewed.

County Commissioner: County Commissioner Cindy Garber introduced 911 Director Lieutenant Angela Norling. Norling discussed a proposed 911 surcharge increase. The current 911 surcharge is \$2.65 per phone line. The proposed increase would raise the fee to \$3.00 per phone line. The increase would generate approximately \$256,000 annually. Funds would support system maintenance, radio encryption upgrades, paging improvements, and communications infrastructure. The proposal will appear on the August primary ballot. Comparable counties currently charge similar rates and some also levy millages.

Additional county updates included: Pleasant View's expansion project continues and is expected to open in early 2027.

Library: Byron Branch construction is slightly behind schedule. The new computers have been installed and the older computers were donated to a local robotics team. The new signage is being installed. The Eastern Michigan Library Cooperative is facing possible dissolution. Summer reading programs will focus on dinosaurs.

SEDP: A Consumers Energy presentation regarding data centers was discussed. Land Bank rehabilitation grant funding will be available soon for qualified homeowners needing repairs such as roofs, furnaces, windows, or water heaters. The Brownfield Authority approved an interlocal agreement related to a TIF project in Morrice.

Planning Commission: Public hearings were held for 2 special special use permits. Both special use permits were approved. Walt Saxton resigned from the Planning Commission due to moving out of the Township. A vacancy now exists on the Planning Commission. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 21.

The financial statement was approved to pay the bills. Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. Roll Call: Howard, Parmalee, Fulks, Griffith, Fraser. All ayes Carried.

Correspondence: The Board acknowledged receipt of: Monthly MTA newsletter, SCOA meeting minutes, Walt Saxton's resignation letter, SSESBA ballot renewal information and Shiawassee County recyclables website update.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Acceptance of Resignation- Motion by Parmalee, supported by Fraser, to approve to accept Walt Saxton's resignation from the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Griffith, Howard, Parmalee, Fulks Fraser. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Morrice 150th Celebration- Maggie Saint Amour provided an update regarding planning for the Morrice 150th Celebration and Homecoming events scheduled for September 12, 2026. Possible planned activities include: Community presentations and live music, historical displays and memorabilia, a petting zoo, touch-a-truck event, yard games and bounce houses and a movie in the park. Motion made by Parmalee, seconded by Fraser, for the Township to contribute \$2,000 toward the celebration. Roll Call Vote: Howard, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Countywide Tornado Siren Discussion- The Board discussed a proposed countywide tornado siren system upgrade. Current sirens require manual activation. The proposed upgrades would allow centralized activation through 911 dispatch. Estimated project cost is approximately \$80,000 shared among participating municipalities. Additional discussion may occur at a future meeting.

Amended Resolution 05-2026- Motioned by Fraser, seconded by Parmalee to was made to readopt Amended Resolution 05-2026. Roll Call: Griffith, Howard, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser. Motion carried.

Approval of AGS Agreements- Motioned by Parmalee, seconded by Fraser to approve: Two agreements between Perry Township and Associated Governmental Services and the Building

Official Employment Agreement between Perry Township and Nick Keck. Roll Call Vote: Fraser, Griffith, Howard, Parmalee, Fulks. Motion carried.

Public Comment- None

Adjourned: Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. All ayes. Carried.

Veronica Howard, Clerk

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