

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Probst called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Supervisor Probst led the Township Board and those in attendance and on zoom in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Probst, Clerk Olson, Trustee Holden and Treasurer Asselin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee Schaefer

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL:

Motion by Clerk Olson, **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve the agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kerrie Richert asked if there was any information on the “Burned Stump” project. Laura Bonde said there might be some slabs on display at the lighthouse.

Jim Simak reported that he had received interesting comments on

his proposal to restore the lighthouse light to its original

brightness. Laura Bonde responded that the Coast Guard has

jurisdiction over the light and they may be replacing the bulb with

a higher wattage one.

Suggested to get the Light keeper’s Association involved to

possibly swap the incandescent bulb for a brighter LED bulb.

Terry Simak cited two separate emergency incidents near Cat

Harbor and at Great Sand Bay and congratulated the response of

the Fire Department and the Ambulance. Reminded everyone to

call 911 in an emergency.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

☐ Approve Minutes of September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

- ☐ Accept Treasurers Report
- ☐ Approve Payment of Bills:
 - General Fund - \$17,581.99
 - Water Fund - \$3,660.58
 - Solid Waste Fund - \$7,393.17
 - Emergency Services – \$6,360.49
 - Marina Fund - \$1,045.12
 - For a final total of – \$36,041.35

Motion by Trustee Holden, **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve the Consent Agenda **Vote:** Unanimous. **Motion Carried.**

SUPERVISOR’S REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- ☐ Township Consolidation. Eagle Harbor Township has been approached by Houghton Township residents to consider consolidation because of their low population. This could be accomplished through Legislature, by the County, or possibly by a vote of both townships. There are still a lot of questions to be answered.
- ☐ Open Skies Project: Final grant money has been received and disbursed.
- ☐ We still have free locking medical bags for anyone who wants them.
- ☐ Trick or treating will be on Halloween, Friday, October 31, 2025.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- ☐ **Assessing** - Rich Probst- No Report
- ☐ **Cemetery Sexton** –Jon Bowles – Flags have been removed from the cemetery for the season
- ☐ **Elections** – Jeane Olson – No Report
- ☐ **Emergency Medical Responders** – Mary Ann Hohner. Had 7 calls.
- ☐ **General Maintenance Department** - Marlin Wingard – A water leak in the outside faucet connection at the Township Hall was repaired. The steps at the Community Building have been painted. be removed
- ☐ **Grounds Maintenance** – Patty Wingard – Barriers on Center Street have been removed and fall flowers have been planted at entryways.

- **Marina** – Kelly Probst – There will be a meeting of the committee Thursday October 16 at 2 p.m. at the Township Hall.
- **Planning Commission** – Laura Bonde – The Planning Commission has a Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday October 23, 2025 at 5 p.m. to take input on the proposed changes to the zoning Ordinance. There will be a special Planning Commission meeting held at 4:30 before the Public Hearing. The Planning Commission has developed a complaint form for residents to use if they have difficulty with a neighbor and are unable to resolve the issue on their own. It has been reviewed by the Zoning Administrator and Supervisor. A copy of the form is attached. We would like it to be available for online submission.
- **Solid Waste Department** – Jon Bowles – Shipped off 40 large bales of cardboard. A truckload of used oil and batteries have been shipped to Houghton. Two large loads of metal have been hauled off and expect two more loads to go this month.
EGLE visited and toured the Solid Waste Facility. Winter Hours of Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon begin Thursday October 16.
- **Tax Department** - Patty Asselin – 54 Tax bills are still unpaid. Overdue notices have been sent.
- **Volunteer Fire Department** – Seven members participated in the meeting in September
and four in the meeting in October.
In September, we reviewed water supply and different ways to use our equipment in different situations.
In October we started and ran engines .
We discussed various firefighting tactics.
Member
Phil Johnson started training.
We made a fire run on M 26.
A report was sent to the NFIRS system
- **Water Department** - Marlin Wingard – Seasonal turnoffs are in progress. There is an issue with the communication

between the pumphouse and the reservoir. Marlin will see if Bay Electric can come up with a wireless system to resolve the issue.

- ☐ **Zoning Administrator** – Susan Hockings – No report
- ☐ **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Mark Redrow – Jean Ellis reported that the next meeting is set for June, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ☐ **Eagle Harbor Marina Committee** – Rich Probst – Meeting Thursday at 2 p.m.
- ☐ **Beach Committee** – Kelly Probst – No report
- ☐ **Park Committee** – Bryce Holden – Had a meeting September 24. October 3 was Trail Cleanup Day. Next meeting is November 13 at 10 a.m.
- ☐ **Recreation Committee** – Barb Sickler – No Report
- ☐ **Sewer Committee** – Patty Asselin – Meeting Thursday October 16 at 11 am at the Township Hall.
- ☐ **Solid Waste Improvement Committee** – Jon Bowles – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ☐ **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

- ☐ **Snow Plow Contract**-Bids are open for the winter 2025-2026 Snow plowing contract for Eagle Harbor Township. Contact the Supervisor if you are interested.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Bogart submitted a request for the Township and the Historical Society work together to find a workable solution to the problem of oversize rigs and vehicles with trailers coming up Lighthouse Road to access the Lighthouse property parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holden, **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to adjourn **Vote:** 5 ayes. **Motion Carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Jeane Olson, Clerk

Eagle Harbor Township

- CERTIFICATION -

I, the undersigned, Olson, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw 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 October 13, 2025.

Jeane Olson, Clerk
Eagle Harbor Township