Inverness Township Board

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
7:00 PM

Opening of Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance

Board member roll call – present: Jennifer Beebe, Greg Borowicz, Laurie Merchant, Bernie Schramm, Todd LaRocque.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Schramm, supported by Borowicz. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes by Merchant, supported by Beebe. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills
General Bills & Wages – Motion by Beebe, supported by Schramm to approve payment of bills and wages in the amount of $26,520.92. Roll call: Merchant - yes, Beebe - yes, LaRocque – yes, Borowicz- yes, Schramm - yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Sewer Monthly Flow
August – 1,108,900
September – 1,061,866

New Business
Mike Konicki asked the Board to look at the deterioration of Foote Road and make a plan for future repair (see attached). There are major issues with drainage that would need to be addressed to make any meaningful repair. Supervisor LaRocque will meet with the Road Commission to get estimates for a possible future road project on this road.

Due to the 11/4/2025 Special School Election, the November Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

There is a vacancy on the board of Review that needs to be filled. We received a resignation letter from Heather Lake.

Motion to approve the Election worker list for the November 4, 2025 School Election as submitted by Merchant, supported by Schramm. Motion carried.

Motion by Merchant, supported by Beebe to approve the Shields property division contingent upon receiving the completed applications. Roll call: Borowicz – yes, Schramm – yes, Merchant – yes, Beebe – yes, LaRocque – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Building and Grounds –

Road Update – The Board approved having two culverts on Polish Line Road relined in preparation for next year's roadwork at a cost of $34,977.00 at a special meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025. The company that does the relining was already in town doing work, so we were able to have this done at a lower rate, saving the Township around $15,000.00.

Fireboard Report -Trustee Borowicz – There were several calls this month including a gas smell at a daycare, car into tree, smoke in a warehouse, hay baler fire, line down and motorcycle vs. deer. There have been 217 calls so far this year.

Treasurer Report –

Citizens Comment –
Steve Cheli asked for an update on the Meijer Corporation Blight Complaints.

Supervisor LaRocque said they have not returned his calls. He is looking into the legality of hiring someone to clean up the property and adding the cost of clean up to the tax rolls.

Dale Hudak asked about the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Foote Road to 25 mph.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. by Schramm, supported by Merchant.

Submitted by: Jennifer Beebe, Clerk of Inverness Township
Posted:_____

10/7/2025 INVERNESSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING 7 PM INVERNESS TWSP HALL

GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF FOOTE ROAD. MY NAME IS MICHAEL KONICKI AND I HAVE RESIDED AT 733 POCAHONTAS BEACH ROAD FOR THE PAST FORTY YEARS. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON 8/9/2022 REGARDING THIS SAME ISSUE.

DURING THIS PAST FORTY YEARS FOOTE ROAD HAS BEEN DETORIATING EACH YEAR WITH NO MAJOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROAD.

THE PASER RATING FROM 2018 WAS A 2, MEANING THE ROAD NEEDED RECONSTRUCTION. THE PASER RATING REPORT FOR 2023 STILL GAVE FOOTE ROAD A 2 RATING. THERE HAVE BEEN ROADS LISTED ON THE 2023 PASER REPORT THAT HAVE BEEN IMPROVED LIKE MULLETT LAKE ROAD, KATE HANSON AND POLISH LINE ROAD.

THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE RESIDENTS WHO DRIVE ON FOOTE ROAD DAILY FROM MULLETT LAKE ROAD TO EAST FOOTE ROAD PER THE 2024 EQUALIZATION REPORT INDICATED A TAXABLE VALUE OF APPROXIMATLEY 18,000,000 OR 12% OF THE TOTAL TOWNSHIP TAXABLE VALUE. THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN PAYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS WITHOUT ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTE ROAD.

THE 5 YEAR PLAN FOR THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION DOES NOT LIST FOOTE ROAD AS An UPCOMING ROAD PROJECT.

I ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETING AND THEY INFORMED ME THAT THE ROAD COMMISSION MAINTAINS THE ROADS IN THE COUNTY. THE TOWNSHIPS PAY FOR THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION ON A COST SPLIT ARRANGEMENT.

My QUESTION FOR THE BOARD IS WHEN FOOTE ROAD WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION?

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND I WILL ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.