

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 16, 2025

Board Members

Phil Lodholtz- Supervisor Shelli Droke- Clerk Joyce Beach- Trustee
Janel Eichenberg- Treasurer Sarah Nyp- Trustee

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Phil Lodholtz brought the Chase Township Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call shows Sarah Nyp, Joyce Beach, Janel Eichenberg, Phil Lodholtz and Shelli Droke present.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce Beach moved to approve the November 11, 2025 special meeting minutes and the November 18, 2025 regular meeting meetings. Seconded by Sarah Nyp. Roll call vote shows Sarah Nyp yes, Joyce Beach yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Janel Eichenberg yes, Shelli Droke yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance for November 2025 was \$120,974.67. Income received \$26,886.54. Expenses \$11,193.58 leaving a balance of \$136,667.63.

Library Account

Beginning balance for November 2025 was \$84,373.94. Income received \$268.93. Expenses \$2,325.95. Leaving a balance of \$82,316.92.

Tax Account

Beginning balance for November 2025 was \$1,164.52. Income received \$1,946.31. Expenses \$2,052.83. Leaving a balance of \$1,058.00.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$7,450.37

Library bills \$2,209.34 were approved by the library board.

Sarah Nyp made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Joyce Beach.

Sarah yes, Joyce yes, Phil yes, Janel yes, Shelli yes. Motion passed.

Brief Public Comment

N/A

Speakers/Guests:

Library representative- Board member Joyce Beach gave an update. Roxanne has entered approximately 10,000 books into the online program. The library has a lot of empty boxes. If anyone is in need of boxes please refer them to the library.

Board of Review- Phil Lodholtz said the Board of Review went well with nothing else to report.

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New Business

Janel requested reaching out to a new auditor company in Cadillac for a quote to compare costs and duties. Motion made by Joyce to approve retaining a quote. Seconded by Sarah. Motion passed unanimously.

The township hall power went out and the generator did not work. Joe will work on it.

Propane tank is at 40%. Shelli will call Fischer LP Gas to see if we are on auto fill.

Board members discussed payment for deputy clerk and deputy treasurer. Discussion if they are paid \$250 annually, plus \$15 hour and mileage or just their annual \$250 salary. Also discussed the possibility that if they work beyond 17 hrs. then they would qualify for \$15 hr.

Phil is going to take the old safe to the scrap yard.

Janel requested the purchase of two external hard drives, one each for the clerk and treasurer. The cost would be \$160 ea. Joyce made the motion to approve the purchase. Seconded by Sarah. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed non-statutory duties of the clerk. FOIA is a required by the clerk. Ordinances may be carried out by anyone on the board. Employee HR is a board function. Cemetery may be carried out by anyone on the board w/o compensation.

A Special Meeting for a 2026 Budget Workshop was set for February 12, 2026 at 6:30.

Old Business/Board members

Recycling Program- The planning continues for the recycling program, however, it is still a few years out for completion.

Snow Plow Bid- Do All Doug submitted a bid. Plow Hall & Shovel, \$125 per occurrence; Plow Library & Shovel, \$50 per occurrence; Shovel Handicap Ramp, \$25 per occurrence. Joyce made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Seconded by Sarah. Sarah yes, Joyce yes, Phil yes, Janel yes, Shelli yes. Motion Passed.

School Property- This is moving forward with Alex Talaski, attorney. His secretary is currently working on it.

Board of Review- We are still in need of people to join the BOR. If anyone is interested have them reach out to Phil. There will be training in Cadillac on January 15, 2026 from 9:00am to 12:00.

Election Inspectors- We need election inspectors, democrat and republicans. Reach out to Romaine if interested.

Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal 30/yrs. Wildfire Mitigation Strategy- Shelli will reach out to Patrick.tiedt@cmsenergy.com to see what is needed to complete.

Citizens Time

N/A

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sarah. Seconded by Joyce. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Shelli Droke
Chase Township Clerk