

Chase Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2026

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 moved to approve the March 17, 2026 budget meeting minutes. Seconded by Janel. Roll call vote shows Sarah Nyp yes, Joyce Beach yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Janel Eichenberg yes, Shelli Droke yes. Motion passed.

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Treasurers Report

General Account

Beginning balance for March 2026 was \$158,486.10. Income received \$30,946.15. Expenses \$8,566.88. Leaving a balance of \$180,865.37.

Library Account

Beginning balance for March 2026 was \$69,035.81. Income received \$96.08. Expenses \$3,005.94. Leaving a balance of \$66,125.95

Tax Account

Beginning balance for March 2026 was \$174,784.29. Income received \$52,192.58. Expenses \$225,968.90. Leaving a balance of \$1,007.97

CDs

3 CD's matured and the interest totaling \$7,101.81 was deposited into the General Fund. All three CD's rolled over at \$50,000 each at 7 month terms with an interest rate of 3.65%.

Clerks Report

Bills presented for approval:

Township Bills in the amount of \$27,629.09

Library bills \$3,322.45 were approved by the library board.

Janel made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Sarah.

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

Speakers/Guests:

Library representative- Board member Joyce Beach was present. She stated that the board did not meet in April and there wasn't any new news to report.

RCFD – Jeff Stein reported a total of 43 calls last month. Total calls to date for 2026 is currently 167. The department currently has 19 members with 2 cadets about to complete training, which will bring them back to a

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full staff. The department has been busy this month helping with local flooding issues. Jeff is going to check on the AED's in both the townhall and library. The AED's battery life is good for five years and both are from 2021. This led into a discussion on CPR/AED training. A suggestion was made to hold a training class open to the public possibly before or after a township meeting.

Sheriff's Report – Phil spoke with Sheriff Martin. The speed signs are now up on Hawkins Rd.

Material Management Planning (West MI Shoreline Regional Development Commission) – wmsshoreline@wmsrdc.ccs – Would like to make a stuffer to go in the summer tax bills. Janel will need the stuffers no later than the middle of June. Phil will let them know.

Old Business

Election Inspectors – The Township is still in need of Democrat and Republican election inspectors. Anyone who might be interested should contact Romayne: 678-576-2400

Board of Review- Phil Lodholtz reported the BOR is still in need of members. If anyone is interested they should reach out to Phil Lodholtz, Chase Township Supervisor.

Traffic Trailers – The County owns the trailers and has already replaced the batteries. They will take care of all maintenance needed on the trailers. They are currently working on a grant to help defray the cost of the data software. When the Township purchased the trailers they opted out of paying for the data from the trailers. Phil also stated that the trailers will not always be used in Chase. Since the County owns them they can use them elsewhere.

Website Update – Phil noticed on the Township website that the budget says 2023/2024. This needs to be updated to 2026/2027. Shelli will send the updated budget to Joyce and Joyce will talk to Jen for the update.

New Business

Clerk's Resignation – Someone is interested in the Clerk's position, however she was unable to make it to the April meeting. The board asked Shelli to stay on another month moving her resignation date from May 11, 2026 to June 11, 2026. Shelli stated she will need a few days to think it over.

LCRC Brine – The brine estimate came in at \$1,026.30. Currently the cost of brine is shared 50/50 between the County and the Township. The question was asked when did it become the Township's responsibility to cover the cost of brine and not the County's. Phil will call and ask the County when and why the Township is now responsible for 50% of brining costs.

Large Item Clean Up – Two quotes were received: \$2,250 for three 30 yard dumpsters; A1 \$3,545 est. weight of 15,000 lbs., hauls scrap and gives check to the township, brings workers with them, add on extras such as tires. Sarah made a motion to have a Large Item Clean Up day. Seconded by Janel. Sarah yes, Joyce yes, Phil yes, Janel yes, Shelli yes. Motion passed. Joyce made a motion to use A1 and to set a date in late July or August. Seconded by Janel. Sarah yes, Joyce yes, Phil yes, Janel yes, Shelli yes. Motion passed.

LCTOA – Meeting will be held April 30, 2026, 6:00pm, Cherry Valley Township Hall

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Board members

Supervisor – Phil received a drawing from Troy Johnson on a 16X30 office/storage area addition to the townhall. The offices would be for the Treasurer and Clerk so they are not working out of their homes and would not have people coming to their homes for Township interests. This would also allow for a larger storage area and the Treasurer and Clerk would not have to store important township paperwork in their homes. There was a lot of discussion from the board and from the public on this matter. The funding would come from the CD's, which is marijuana fees that has been invested. Janel has looked into the legality of using these fees for such a project and stated that yes, the funds can be used for the building of offices. Someone suggested renovating the already existing pole barn or using the library as there is plenty of room there for offices. Someone else suggested making the townhall into the library, tearing down the old library building and building a new townhall. It was suggested to hold a township election on the matter and to put something on the township's webpage and ask for public feedback.

Treasurer – Janel had asked for \$200 of petty cash for taxes. She did not use any of the petty cash and it was deposited back into the account. She also asked for the board's opinion on an issue with two missing checks that were mailed out in January to the RC Public Schools. The school has not received them, they have not been cashed and they have not been returned to her. She wondered if she should continue waiting to see if they showed up or pay \$60 for two stop payments and reissue the checks. The board suggested doing the stop payments and reissue the checks since it had been nearly four months. She also stated that the tax account received \$54.86 in interest.

Public Comment

There is a hole in the ground at the Township Hall on the East side of the pole barn. It needs to be filled in before someone falls and gets hurt. Phil will talk with Doug to get this fixed.

It was brought up that the County Commissioner does not attend our meetings. The public would like Phil to ask him if he wants his position or if he is wanting to step down.

Someone asked if the Township will be asking for bids for lawn care. Sarah made a motion to accept bids and to make a post on the website that we are currently accepting bids. Seconded by Joyce. All approved motion passed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sarah. Seconded by Joyce. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelli Droke
Chase Township Clerk