



THOMAS TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609  
May 4, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Sommers.
2. PRESENT: McDonald, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, List  
ABSENT: Thayer

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Deidre Frolo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; Finance Director, Aleigha Crowl; DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Parks Director, John Corriveau; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Eric Cowles; Township Attorney, Otto Brandt and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by DeLine, seconded by McDonald, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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May 4, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve the April 6, 2026, Regular Board Minutes.
  - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
  - C. Approve the hiring of Jessica Burgess as probationary, full-time Police Secretary.
  - D. Accept the resignation of Cooper Roberts from the Police Department.
  - E. Approve Personnel Policy #833; "Use of Electronic Devices During Work Hours".
  - F. Approve the revision to Fire Department Policy #1322F; Mutual Aid Calls.
  - G. Approve the wage increase for Devon Barron.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments

**It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.**
7. Public Hearing
  - A. Hear public comments for a request from Saginaw Control & Engineering, 11122 Sunshine Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48609, for an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption in the amount of \$20,000,000 of Real Property for twelve (12) years.
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. None.
9. New Business
  - A. Approve resolution 26-06; granting Saginaw Control & Engineering a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT).
  - B. Approve Ordinance 26-Z-01 to amend the Thomas Township Zoning Ordinance concerning Data Centers.

- C. Approve Ordinance 26-G-02 to amend Chapter 5, “Tax Exemptions”; of Title 1, “Administration” of the Thomas Township General Ordinance.
  - D. Approve the agreement with Swan Valley Schools for use of the soccer fields at Robert’s Park.
  - E. Approve the updated Master Plan for distribution.
  - F. Approve the purchase of a shade structure for Community Park.
  - G. Approve the renewal of the three year contract for assessing with Sharon Frischman.
10. Reports
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| A. Supervisor | E. Community Development | I. Police Dept        |
| B. Clerk      | F. DPW                   | J. Parks & Recreation |
| C. Treasurer  | G. Finance               | K. Board Members      |
| D. Manager    | H. Fire Dept.            |                       |
11. Executive Session
- A. None
12. Adjournment
5. Motion was made by Witt, seconded by List, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the April 6, 2026 regular meeting.
  - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$396,669.90

Clearing Fund	\$6,255.79
General Fund	\$174,612.95
Public Safety-Fire Department	\$27,117.62
Fire Apparatus	\$9,300.30
Public Safety-Police Department	\$87,035.43
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Municipal Refuse	\$0.00
Downtown Development Authority	\$164.05
Revolving Road Fund	\$0.00
SSRP Grant	\$2,046.00
Sewer Fund	\$46,882.28
Sewer Improvements Grant Fund	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$40,515.48
Technology Fund	\$2,740.00
Tax	\$0.00
  - C. Approved the hiring of Jessica Burgess as probationary, full-time Police Secretary.
  - D. Accepted the resignation of Cooper Roberts from the Police Department.
  - E. Approved Personnel Policy #833; “Use of Electronic Devices During Work Hours”.
  - F. Approved the revision to Fire Department Policy #1322F; Mutual Aid Calls.
  - G. Approved the wage increase for Devon Barron.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
- A. Dan Wolgast of 1750 Short Road commented in favor of allowing ducks and chickens to be kept on residential properties. His daughter also spoke in favor of this. A letter from Tessa Fleming, also speaking in favor of being allowed to keep her ducks on residentially zoned property, was received and filed.
  - B. Brian Jensen of 7889 Gratiot Road, Apartment H expressed concern over the requirement for restroom facilities at restaurants in Thomas Township and asked that it be investigated.

7. Public Hearing

- A. To receive comments pertaining to the request by Saginaw Control & Engineering, Of 11122 Sunshine Drive, who is seeking an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption in the amount of \$20,000,000 of Real Property for twelve (12) years was opened at 7:09 p.m. Brady Duke of Saginaw Future commented in favor of approving the IFT request. With no further comment, hearing was closed at 7:12

p.m.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. None.

9. New Business

- A. It was moved by List, seconded by McDonald, to approve Resolution 26-06; approving the application from Saginaw Control & Engineering requesting a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption for \$20,000,000 in Real Property.

Roll Call:

Ayes: List, McDonald, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Thayer

Resolution was adopted.

- B. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve Ordinance 26-Z-01 to amend the Thomas Township Zoning Ordinance concerning "Data Centers". Motion carried unanimously.

- C. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by DeLine, to approve Ordinance 26-G-02; to amend Chapter 5, "Tax Exemptions"; of Title 1, "Administration" of the Thomas Township General Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. It was moved by Witt, seconded by List, to approve the agreement with Swan Valley Schools for use of the soccer fields at Robert's Park. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Witt to approve the distribution of the updated Master Plan.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sommers, Monahan DeLine, Witt, List, McDonald

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Thayer

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Witt, to approve the purchase of a shade structure for Community Park. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Witt, to approve the renewal of the three year contract for assessing with Michigan Assessing Coalition, Inc and Sharon Frischman. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Report of Officers and Staff:

- A. Supervisor's Report – none
- B. Clerk's Report – Deputy Clerk Watt reported that preparations for the August Election is underway.
- C. Treasurer's Report – work on Lone Road has begun!
- D. Manager's Report – 173 Miller Court is coming along nicely and should be completed by 6/1/26. Supervisor Sommers would like a "soft opening" which we will work on getting together.

- E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
  - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.
  - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
  - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report. Driver's training month in the Fire Department. May see the trucks in the community as they get their hours in. A thank-you to Swan Haven for always being a "good" neighbor.
  - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report. Jessica Burgess was introduced as the new Police Secretary who will be starting tomorrow. Side by side is outside if anyone wants to take a look.
  - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Fields are drying out. Working on Roethke Park Pool continues. Mulching done at Roethke. June 7<sup>th</sup> is the Touch-a-Truck event. A lot of younger kids at the Pickleball Courts. Indoor programs are over. Archery wraps up in two weeks. Once pool work is done, work will begin on trail repair at the Nature Preserve.
  - K. Question brought up about logs piling under the train bridge and who is responsible. Chief Cousins will contact the railroad.
11. Executive Session:  
A. None.
12. It was moved by List, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Connie Watt, Deputy Clerk

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Dated