

MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BUILDING
5059 FOURTH STREET
EAGLE RIVER, MI 49950
APRIL 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Hamilton, Jim Huovinen, Tom Hall, Mel Jones
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Robby Fischer and Linda Paradiso (Linda was available by phone to answer questions and information)

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL - None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- Tom Hall motioned to approve the revised minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting and Julie Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.
- Jim Huovinen motioned, and Tom Hall seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. General fund bill total is \$6,357.66 and the Water bill total is \$1,578.36 Motion carried. (A copy of the general fund check register and water fund check register is attached.) Fund Balances as of April 20, 2026: General Fund \$122,063.39, Water Fund \$63,059.96, Cemetery Fund \$7,082.77, CD #1 \$16,530.66, and CD#2 \$12,018.41.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Assessing – Mark Erhart: No Report
- Water Department –Mel Jones
 - Water Samples for the month of April came back negative.
 - EGLE has accepted our Emergency Contingency plan to correct the problem with the VFD's shutting down the pumps when there is an interruption in power. Mel will follow up with Mike Westra (EGLE) to confirm if a list of water clients with contact information is necessary to include in the Emergency Contingency Plan in case of water system failure. Previous correspondence from EGLE in 2025 indicated such a list was required.
- Cemetery – No Report
- Elections – Houghton Township is consolidated with Eagle Harbor Township for the May 5, 2026 election. Voting will take place in Eagle Harbor. Houghton Township AV ballot applications and AV ballots are being handled by Eagle Harbor. All AV voted ballots

should be returned to Eagle Harbor. If any voted ballots are deposited in our AV drop-box or black office drop-box, they will be transported to Eagle Harbor by township officials, Robby and/or Leslie Fischer. Any requests for absentee voter ballots need to be made with the Eagle Harbor Township Clerk for this election.

- General Maintenance – No Report
- Park – No Report
- Consolidation Committee - No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- It was moved by Jim Houvinen and seconded by Tom Hall to accept the bid by Mel Jones and Dave Schumacher of \$40,000.00 to reside and paint the township building. (a copy of the details of the bid is attached).
- Linda Paradiso gave an update on the FY27 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) applications for Water Infrastructure and Community Center improvements. Both applications were submitted to our U.S. Senators Elissa Slotkins and Gary Peters by the March deadlines. Both senators' offices have responded positively regarding our applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

- Mel Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tom Hall seconded.

I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Houghton Township meeting held on April 20, 2026, as approved by the Township Board on _____.

Signed: _____

Township Deputy Clerk

Date: _____