**DAYTON TOWNSHIP**

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Proposed Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025

Supervisor-Travis Klimek Trustee-Greg Lotter

Treasurer-Jodi Barrons Trustee-Bob Steele

Clerk-Sandy Wiseman

1. **Call to order with pledge to the Flag-** 6:58PM
2. **Adoption of Proposed Minutes-** Trustee Steele motioned to adopt July 7, 2025 meeting minutes, supported by Trustee Lotter, all were in favor.
3. **Waste Management Rep Jill Reynolds Q & A-** Great turnout of residents to address concerns with the new process. Board members questioned changes to contract; fees and bulk pick up item limits, can limits and new rules. After much discussion on changes vs current contract WM will work with residents directly via email and thru the clerk because admittedly the phone system is confusing for scheduling. A small supply of additional containers for residents that need them will be delivered and stored by clerk and given out if requested, at no charge. Also, bulk items picked up is every Wednesday. The regular Monday route truck does not pick up bulk and has been told to report items not in containers so a ticket can be created for the Wednesday bulk driver. WM can not go back to the “old trucks” and eliminate the new containers, it is safer for drivers and everyone; pointed out there is double the traffic since driver has to go down the same road twice and not manually empty both sides of the road at once. Reassurances were made that the changes will smooth out and residents will get used to the new process.
4. **Reports:**
   1. Treasurer-
      1. Financial Report- Read her new QB report for all individual accounts and the amounts on hand now that changes have been settled. Maintain a small balance at MSB.
   2. Clerk- MSB Total Deposits $0.21, total payments $11,886.47, leaving balance of $2,572.02 as of 08/04/2025. TCB Total Deposits $39,800.56, total payments $35,314.23 leaving balance of $9,832.98 as of 08/04/2025. After discussing bills it was determined we need to amend resolutions, per the policy and procedure manual, at the next meeting for specific reimbursements for clerk, supervisor and treasurer along with zoning. Clerk will revise and have available for September meeting. Motion to pay bills with the exception of submitted reimbursements by clerk and blight officer, made by Trustee Steele, supported by Treasurer Barrons, all were in favor.
   3. County Commissioner- No report
   4. Mayville Fire- Report emailed by Chief. As of today there were 101 runs this year, 11 in July.
   5. Planning Commission- Public hearing scheduled for August 18 @ 7pm and followed by regularly scheduled meeting.
   6. Cemetery- Ted Klimek burial @ Dayton Center, Danny Miller cremains @ DC
   7. Trustees- No report
   8. Blight Enforcement Officer- 3 letters sent out, 1 returned. Working on 2 more, one camper complaint is zoning related and Travis will get on that issue. Spoke with county magistrate’s office on issuing tickets and the process. Board agreed we will try the process and get a new citation book as the last blight officer never got things going before he passed away.
   9. Assessor- No report
   10. Supervisor- Calls on missed trash pick-ups and bulk, addressed with WM rep.
   11. Zoning Administrator- 2 pole barns and 1 house permit. One electrical with DTE on address of property in question.
5. **Unfinished Business-**
6. Road work- TCRC staff attended for a Q & A on the process in which projects are assessed and township budget allocated; safety, longevity and maintenance for long term goals on cost effective basis. Trustee Lotter brought up that by law the RC is responsible for all roads in the county as stated in Act 51 of 1951 references MCL 247.669, 224.21 and 247.662. Members of the board feel some project suggestions were what the county determined was appropriate and didn’t take into consideration township priorities for allocating local millage tax dollars. Submissions were not done in a timely matter for 2025. Road Committee member Seidler asked why RC will only speak with the supervisor and not him, the Trustee or any other member of the board. Per their policy Supervisor is the contact for the RC. Supervisor will share correspondence packet with clerk to mail/deliver hard copies to board members and Road Committee member (we are still looking for volunteers for this position!).

Projections for upcoming year will be provided in September to get started planning 2026 projects. Deposit and plan needs to be in place by April 15th.

1. Digital ordinance book pdf- PC Chair Cristy has it completed and will get copy to clerk for posting online.
2. There will be no Nov election; county decided to wait until Aug 2026 for the 911 proposal
3. **New Business-**
4. Collection agency information/contract for nonpayment of fire runs provided, tabled until September.
5. Examples of tax opt out forms for trash service provided. Treasurer Barrons has 2 requests to opt out at this time. Confirmed with assessor that Trustee Lotter was correct in that the money collected on tax bills is a fee, not a special tax assessment for trash. Explained that the board does not issue a tax to residents it must be done by vote in an election. Treasurer has recommendations from assessor that opting out not be allowed. Treasurer Kilmer had previously done it in the past if guidelines were met; homestead, abandoned, tear down and zoning. Concerns voiced of potential blight and trash dumping if the option to opt out steam rolls. A form of some sort can be drafted for the next meeting by clerk for potential use going forward with specific stipulations. Trustee Lotter made the motion to approve the 2 current requests on hand for opting out of trash service, motion was supported by Trustee Steele and Clerk Wiseman. Roll Call Vote: Lotter-Yes, Steele-Yes, Barrons-No, Wiseman-Yes, Klimek-No. Three Yes votes, two No votes, motion passed.
6. **Public Comment-** Resident brought up terrible condition of Cat Lake Rd between Blackmore and M46 (paved). Follow up discussion on trash contract and charges. Resident stated that we are being ripped off by WM fees; the same company provides services in other areas much cheaper. Resident stated Tuscola County roads are terrible in comparison with Sanilac County. Issues with roads being graded leaving extra gravel on edges creating berms blocking water flow to ditches brought up. Elder resident on Plain Rd called in a complaint, saw truck come out to inspect but didn’t come to house and has no gotten a follow up call. Trash contract is up in 2027 and quotes will be sought prior to that time.
7. **Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Steele, supported by Treasurer Barrons, all in favor, meeting adjourned 9:20PM.