

ARMADA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – Utility Task Vehicle Ordinance

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Krotche

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation led by Trustee Goetzinger

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikkel, Goetzinger, Job, Swiacki, Krotche

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to open public hearing 7:02 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments:

Joe Schehr: 20567 Armada Ridge – is in support of the ordinance.

Clerk read public comment from residents Al and Lynn Goetzinger received by email. They oppose the proposed ordinance.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Job seconded by Swiacki to close the public hearing 7:05 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Krotche called regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Job seconded by Nikkel to approve May 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

SET/AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Nikkel seconded by Job to approve agenda as amended. Add 9h – Frontier Farms Market: Rezoning, 9i – Romeo Rabbit Rescue: Special Land Use, 9j – Senior Director Retirement, 9k Committee for Senior Director Replacement. Remove: 9f Board of Review-Alternate Member. Add Under Correspondence and Information - 7a Armada Fire Station Upgrades-FY26 Agriculture Appropriations Submission and 7b Blake’s Orchard-Tax Appeal: Attorney Fees Reimbursed to township.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 minutes) – Marcia Hollins.

BILLS: Motion by Swiacki seconded Job by to approve bills as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

REPORTS: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to receive and file reports.

All in FAVOR say Aye

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

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CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Armada Fire Station Upgrades – FY26 Agriculture Appropriations Submission: A few months ago, the fire department and township applied for a grant through Lisa McClain’s office community project funding for 2026, for renovations to the fire station. They applied last year but were not picked. We were notified by Lisa McClains’ office a few days ago that we were picked one of 15 projects for 2.5 million dollars. It now goes to the House Appropriations Committee for review. We are very hopeful and updates will follow.

Blake’s Orchard & Cider Mill (Tax Appeal) – Attorney Fees: Tax Appeal has been completed. Clerk thanked Blake’s for keeping their promise to reimburse the township for reasonable attorney fees associated with the Tax Appeal. They actually reimbursed the township for all attorney fees in the amount of \$5,740.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Armada Township Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) Ordinance: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Ordinance No. R2025-1 Armada Township Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) Ordinance as amended and to publish notice of adoption with summary accordingly.

Ayes: Nikkel, Swiacki, Job, Krotche **Nays:** Goetzinger **Motion CARRIED**

Single Waste Hauler - Committee: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to appoint Treasurer Job, Supervisor Krotche, Village President Dave Coenen and Village Clerk Michelle Poulos to the committee. Swiacki amended motion seconded by Goetzinger to appoint Jo Adair, Village Council member, instead of Dave Coenen as he is unavailable.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Armada Township Policy for Electronic Transactions of Funds: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adopt policy as presented.

All Ayes: **Motion CARRIED**

Resolution #2025-05 To Authorize Electronic Transactions: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adopt Resolution as presented.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Michigan Townships Association Annual Dues: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve \$7,318 for annual dues from July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026 and \$219.54 for Legal Defense Fund contribution for a total of \$7,537.54.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

16960 Armada Center Rd – Violation of Armada Township Anti-Blight Ordinance: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to have attorney take Circuit Court action.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Rezoning: Frontier Farms Market: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Krotche to approve rezoning for 69475 Romeo Plank Rd. (Parcel ID 13-02-31-400-035) as recommended by the Planning Commission from R-1 to B-1 for the 0.9 (120’ x 330’) acre parcel proposed as it meets the standards in Section 19.06 of the Armada Township Zoning Ordinance #114. (A map amendment will be published accordingly).

Ayes: Swiacki, Krotche **Nays:** Job, Nikkel, Goetzinger **Motion FAILED**

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to postpone until the next regular meeting.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Special Land Use – Romeo Rabbit Rescue: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to postpone until the next regular meeting.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

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Senior Director Retirement: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Krotche to accept Donna’s letter of retirement and thank her for her years of service as director.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Committee for Senior Director Replacement: Motion by Krotche seconded by Swiacki to appoint Marcia Hollins and Sher Rodzewicz, Supervisor Krotche and Treasurer Job to the committee.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 minutes) – Marcia Hollins, Jeff Miller

BOARD MEMBERS: Trustee Goetzinger, Trustee Nikkel, Treasurer Job, Clerk Swiacki and Supervisor Krotche.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Krotche seconded by Job to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Mary K. Swiacki, CMMC, MiPMC
Armada Township Clerk

Christopher Krotche
Supervisor

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