

ARMADA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation led by Treasurer Job

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present: Attorney Linda McGrail

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Events Ordinance

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to open public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments: None

The public hearing was opened and will continue to the regular meeting of April 8 without being closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Animal Control Ordinance

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

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments: Jay Burgher – Definitions at the end of proposed domestic animal definition we should be adding excluding livestock. Add farm operation to definitions to what statute MCL 286.74 is. Complaints should be forwarded to MDARD for a Right-to-Farm inspection before township action.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve January 14 regular meeting minutes and January 29 special meeting minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

SET/AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 minutes) – Ross Boelke

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

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

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

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Special Events Ordinance No. R2026-03: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to postpone until April 8 regular meeting. (The public hearing will continue to the regular meeting of April 8 without being closed).

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Animal Control Ordinance No. R2026-04: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to reopen the public hearing at 7:30 and to postpone until the regular March 11 regular meeting. (The public hearing will continue to the regular meeting of March 11 without being closed).

Nikkel, Swiacki, Job, Goetzinger, Krotche

Multi Storage 22920 Armada Center Road: Request for Variance from Armada Township Engineering and Construction Standards Ordinance:

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve the variance from the required ten foot (10') flat area width for pond maintenance, as well as to allow for steeper sloping in the proposed ditch design from the Armada Township Engineering and Construction Standards Ordinance upon condition of the applicant executing and recording the Variance Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Decker Agency - Property/Liability One-Year Renewal 03/09/26 to 03/09/27: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve renewal rate for a one-year policy from March 9, 2026 through March 9, 2027 with Decker Agency General Fund premium \$13,507, Provident Premium for Fire \$2,740 and Fire Fund premium \$26,365.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Budget amendment(s): Fire Fund: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve amendments as presented:

From 206.336.798.000, Firefighting Supplies \$3,150

To 206.336.721.000, FICA \$2,500

To 206.336.991.002, Engine Bank Loan \$500

To 206.336.780.000, Postage \$150

From 206.336.801.001, Contractual EMS \$35,000

To 206.336.724.001, MERS \$35,000

From 206.336.971.013, Building Remodel \$6,000

From 206.336.930.002, Equipment Repair EMS \$9,000

To 206.336.723.000, Health Insurance \$15,000

From 206.336.830.000, Education/Training \$3,000

To 206.336.830.000, Utilities \$3,000

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Budget amendment(s) General Fund: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to approve amendments as presented:

From 101.446.801.000, Maintenance/Chloride-Roads \$14,471

To 101.446.801.001 Drain Maintenance/Spillway

From 101.446.801.002, Limestone \$ 886

To 101.446.801.001, Drain Maintenance/Spillway

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From 101.751.971.000, Park Improvements \$34,135
To 101.266.815.000, Mis Matters – Attorney \$13,000
To 101.794.704.000, Wages Senior Center \$3,900
To 101.794.930.000, Maintenance Senior Center \$4,885
To 101.701.806.100, Planner site plan/Atty/Eng/Fire \$12,230

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**
Truth in Budgeting Public Hearing: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to set public hearing for March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Poverty Exemption Guidelines – Resolution No. 2026-03: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 as presented.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

PDR Committee – One reappointment: Motion by Krotche seconded by Swiacki to reappoint DJ Kehrig March 1, 2026 to March 1, 2029.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Planning Commission - Three appointments: Motion by Krotche seconded by Nikkel to appoint Randy Finlay, Kathleen Jaroslowski and Beth Abercrombie from March 1, 2026-March 1, 2029. Motion by Krotche to amend motion seconded by Nikkel that Beth Abercrombie's appointment date is from April 1, 2026-April 1, 2029.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Two appointments: Motion by Krotche seconded by Swiacki to appoint DJ Kehrig and Anthony Locano from March 1, 2026-March 1, 2029.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Special Land Use – 80779 Capac Rd: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to deny the Special Land Use request for 80779 Capac Rd. as it does not meet the Special Land Use requirements of Article 16 Special Land Use Requirements Section 16.01 Article IV Site Plan Review Requirements and Procedures Section 4.02.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Waste Collection and Disposal Contract: Priority Waste LLC – 5-year contract: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve contract as presented and to have Supervisor Krotche sign accordingly.

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

Macomb County Public Works: Drain Maintenance Match Program (Newland Drain & Branches): Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to approve expenditure of \$15,357, Armada Townships portion to clean proposed 1,660 LF of deadfall and vegetation removal, channel reshaping, and lawn restoration where needed. (Total estimated project cost is \$30,714 Armada Township portion \$15,357, Macomb County Public Works \$15,357).

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

Cancel March 16 meeting date: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to cancel March 16 meeting date.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Armada Township Principals of Governance: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt and practice the Principals of Governance as presented.

All Ayes **Motion CARRIED**

Armada Township Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to approve Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule as presented and to publish accordingly.

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Detroit Institute of Arts: Resolution No. 2026-04: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 a resolution in support of the application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Partners in Public Art Program for Armada Township as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Memorandum of Understanding: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to have Supervisor Krotche sign Memorandum of Understanding Between Township of Armada and the Detroit Institute of Arts as presented for a Mural project.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Village of Armada – Sharing Agreement for trail drinking water fountain: Motion by Krotche seconded by Nikkel to partner with the Village of Armada for a three year agreement for the water bill. Year 1 - \$154.48, Year 2 with a 3% increase and Year 3 with a 3% increase.

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

Motion FAILED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 minutes) – Anthony Locano, Larry Kunert, Rose Charbeneau, Al Patchak

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

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Nikkel seconded by Job to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Mary K. Swiacki, CMMC, MiPMC
Armada Township Clerk

Christopher Krotche
Supervisor

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