

ARMADA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 Trustee Nikkel

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present: Attorney Linda McGrail

PUBLIC HEARING: Truth In Budgeting

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

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Public Comments: Marcia Hollins said it was a travesty that the Township did not collaborate with the Village of Armada to support paying half of the water bill for the water fountain on the Macomb Orchard Trail.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve February 11 regular meeting minutes and February 23 special meeting minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

SET/AMEND AGENDA: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve agenda as amended. Add: 9-r Close Hall on Thursday, March 19; 9-s Resignation of Building Inspector; 9-t Appointment of Building Inspector, 9-u Land Lease: Fire Department Property and to move 9-o Fire Department – MERS F55/25 Early Retirement Rider to #21.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 minutes) – Marcia Hollins

BILLS: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel 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: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: Consideration of Animal Control Ordinance No. R2026-04:

Public Comments: Jay Burgher – Is in support of the proposed ordinance. Especially with the two new provisions, they are legally sound.

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to close public hearing comments at 7:15 p.m.

All Ayes

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Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adopt Animal Control Ordinance No. R2026-04 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget amendment(s): Fire Fund: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve amendments as presented for FY 25/26:

From 206.336.970.000, Capital Outlay move \$13,500
To 206.336.710.000, Work Comp

From 206.336.931.000, Vehicle Maintenance move \$10,250
To 206.336.723.000, Health Insurance

From 206.336.860.000, Fuel move \$1,000
To 206.336.920.000, Utilities

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Budget amendment(s) General Fund: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve amendments as presented for FY25/26:

From Account Number 101.447.819.000 Engineers \$ 4,354.35
To Account Number 101.702.704.000, Wages Zoning Board of Appeals \$65.00
To Account Number 101.702.780.000, Postage ZBA \$ 100.80
To Account Number 702.901.000, Printing/Publishing ZBA \$68.25
To Account Number 101.701.814.000, Community Planner \$120
To Account Number 101.701.780.000, Planning Postage \$47.80
To Account Number 101.701.806.100, Planning/Site Plan Reviews/Eng/Atty/Fire \$ 2,752.50
To Account Number 101.257.704.000, Assessing \$ 1,200

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Set Armada Township operating millage rate FY26/27: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to set the Armada Township operating millage rate at .7235 mills for FY26/27:

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Set Fire Special Assessment rate FY26/27: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to set the Armada Fire Department Special Assessment rate at 3.25 mills for FY26/27.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Set Fire Advanced Life Support rate FY26/27: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to set the Advanced Life Support millage rate at 2.25 mills for FY26/27:

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Adoption of FY26/27 Fire Fund Operating Budget: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Fire Fund Operating budget as presented:

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Adoption of FY26/27 General Fund Operating Budget: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt General Fund Operating Budget as presented.

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

Motion CARRIED

Adoption of FY26/27 Township Board Wage Resolution: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 as presented. (2.8 % increase)

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

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Fire Department – Administrative Salary: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve salary increase from \$3,762 to \$3,912.48 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-08 - A Resolution approving municipal employee stipend adjustment: Clerk Swiacki stated that this is for the Planning Department, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review). Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve Resolution No. 2026-08 as presented and effective April 1, 2026.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Building Department – Inspector Compensation Structure: Clerk Swiacki explained the purpose of this proposal is to establish a simplified, transparent compensation structure for township inspectors by moving to a percentage-based payment model tied directly to permit fees.

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to adopt the Compensation Structure Based on Permit Fee Percentage as presented, effective April 1, 2026.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

2.8% wage increase: Resolution No. 2026-07 – A resolution approving municipal employee wage adjustment effective April 1, 2026. Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve Resolution No. 2026-07 as presented.

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

Motion CARRIED

Good and Clean Janitorial – Contract Continuation: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve continuing contract through January 14, 2029 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Hall Improvement – Carpet: Three bids were received and provide in board packets.

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve bid from Omega Floors for \$8,351 as presented.

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

Motion CARRIED

Adoption of Resolution 2026-06 – Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Resolution: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to adopt Resolution 2026-06 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Closing of Township Hall for Carpet Installation: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Goetzinger to close the township hall to the public on Thursday, March 19 for the purpose of carpet installation.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Resignation of Building Inspector: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to accept Mel McNutt's resignation with regrets and to thank him for his many years of service with the Township of Armada.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Appointment of Building Inspector: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to appoint Kyle Kallek as primary building inspector effective immediately.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Land Lease - Fire Department Property: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to accept land lease proposal for \$120 per acre from John Fogler Farms, LLC for 2026 calendar year. (1.6 acres \$120 per acre is \$192)

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 minutes) – None

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

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CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to enter closed session for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiation party requests a closed hearing. MCLA 15.268(c), MSA 4.1800(18) (c) at 7:36 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to return to open session at 8:06 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Action Vote in open session: Item – Motion by Swiacki seconded by Nikkel to approve the Agreement between the Township of Armada and Armada Township Firefighters/Paramedics International Association of Firefighters Local 5053, AFL-CIO for April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

Fire Department – MERS F55/25 Early Retirement Rider: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to approve Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment for MERS 55/25 Early Retirement Rider as presented.

All Ayes

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Swiacki seconded by Job to adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m.

All in favor

Motion CARRIED

Mary K. Swiacki, CMMC, MiPMC
Armada Township Clerk

Christopher Krotche
Supervisor

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