

Bloomer Township Regular Meeting April 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Supervisor Dan Ryan at Bloomer Township Hall, 9890 E. Carson City Rd, Carson City, MI. Present for roll call were Colleen Schneider, Tara Chapko, Dana Gonzales, Larry Hummel, and Dan Ryan.

Addition to agenda: none

Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Gonzales to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Carried.

Fire Department: Mark Crawfis reported. 6 reported calls and 1 not reported for the month. Chief attended all meetings. Hosted storytime with the library kids with a tour of the fire station, hosted fire academy here on the 7th for all-day hands on skill testing, participated in the CC-C school career fair on the 11th. Handled maintenance issues, fire training on 3/11 and 3/18. Still at 15 personnel. Been invited to do the school job fair

County Commissioner: Chris Johnston reported. Approved Rave Flag display at courthouse, opioid resolution, revolving fund for lake levels, sheriff and Crystal township blight ordinance coordination. Appointed new person for brownfield authority. April 13th approved \$3500. For animal control to house farm animals, building and grounds workers will install fencing. County audit went well. Appointed Montcalm housing commission individual.

Citizens Comments: Several citizens spoke inquiring about wind turbines and the truth of who has signed leases from the board, citizens speaking are asking the board to keep farmland- farmland, Russ Grinnell spoke about how every survey sent out is returned with the community requesting us to preserve the agriculture ground and keep the integrity rural without turbines and solar, data centers or battery plants. NextEra and several other companies are scouting for land for wind turbines.

Clerks Report: Tara Chapko reported. Election for special school mileage work, typed up letter for a veteran grave marker, Working the election for May 5, 2026 will be Nora Ryan, Lisa Crouse, Arthur Cook, Becky Proctor, Emily Dowland and Molly Anderson. Received notice that the state is auditing our auditors this year. Prepared resolution for local authority control. Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Schneider. Motion carried.

Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Gonzales to pay bills totaling \$28,445.11. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Colleen Schneider reported. After all known bills and utilities clear available funds will be \$1,255,196.09. Motion by Chapko, 2nd by Hummel to accept report as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: Tony Brown reported, 1 land split, gave out 5 warnings for unlicensed cars and junk-1 corrected and one is in probate. 1 zoning permit and reissued Horvath towers permit with the correct number.

Planning Commission: next regular meeting May 12, 2026 at 7pm.

Sexton and Maintenance: Issac Torres reported. cremation burial, drywall repair and paint at hall, cleaned yard mowed both cemetery and township hall numerous times, did a foundation. Tony mentioned that we need to fix and paint edge of sidewalk.

Unfinished business: Signed Road contracts. Total of \$544,359.00. Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Chapko, motion carried. Motion by Chapko, and by Hummel to table cemetery program until next month so the board can compare costs. Motion carried.

New Business: Adopted resolution to preempt local control on housing. Roll call vote all ayes.

Announcements: Township cleanup is May 16, 2026 from 8am to noon.

Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Chapko for adjournment at 8:34pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Tara Chapko, clerk