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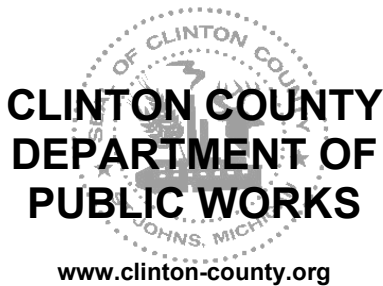
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**CLINTON COUNTY DPW
Clinton County Courthouse, Board of Commissioner's Room
100 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Annual organizational meeting of the Board of Public Works:
 - a. Elect officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Deputy Secretary
 - b. Discussion of 2026 Meeting Schedule and By-Law requirements
 - c. Establish time, place, and date of regular meetings
 - d. Authorize Chairperson to sign all documents on behalf of the DPW; Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, to sign all documents on behalf of the DPW; and Deputy Secretary to sign all documents on behalf of the Secretary.
4. Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2025
5. Review of DPW Obligations
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

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2026 DPW MEETING DATES:

Regular Meetings – 4 per year
(Set at organizational meeting – first meeting of the year)

1st Wednesday of the months of
February, May, August, and November at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 (if needed)

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 (if needed)

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (if needed)

2027 Organizational Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2027

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE CLINTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW), HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AT THE CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM, 100 EAST STATE STREET, ST. JOHNS, MI.

PRESENT: Member Eric Harger
Penny Goerge, Deputy Secretary
Chairperson Brian J. Ross
John Fuentes, County Administrator
Todd Campbell, Deputy Administrator
Member Ryan Wood
Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses

EXCUSED: Commissioner John Andrews

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ross at 4:00 p.m.

2. **AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Harger, supported by Member Hanses, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTION**

- a. Chairperson Ross advised the Board that this being the first meeting of the year for 2025, it is necessary to elect officers and to take other organizational action as necessary.

Member Wood moved, supported by Member Harger, to nominate the following officers for 2025: Brian J. Ross, Chairperson of the Board of Public Works; Phil Hanses, Vice Chairperson; Eric Harger, Secretary; and Penny Goerge, Deputy Secretary. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion took place pertaining to DPW meetings being held four times a year. While this requirement is referenced in the Bylaws, the Chairperson has the authority to schedule the meetings and/or adjourn any meetings should he deem appropriate. Since there are no active bond projects at this time, Chairperson Ross believes it will only be necessary to meet once per year for the organizational meetings and/or on an "as needed" basis if any other matters are to arise.
- c. The 2025 Meetings will be held in the Clinton County Courthouse, or at some other location within Clinton County as may be specified by the Chairperson. The 2025 meeting dates (as needed) are scheduled for May 7, August 6, and November 5 at 4:00 p.m. The 2026 Organizational Meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Member Wood moved, supported by Member Hanses, to approve 2025 DPW meeting dates and 2026 Organizational Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

- d. **Member Harger moved, supported by Member Hanses, to authorize the Chairperson of the Department of Public Works to sign all documents on behalf of the Board of the Department of Public Works; the Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, be authorized to sign all documents on behalf of**

the Board of the Department of Public Works; and authorize the Deputy Secretary to sign all documents on behalf of the Secretary. Motion carried.

- e. The Members were notified that the mileage reimbursement for 2025 is \$0.70 and the per diem rate is \$80.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Wood moved, supported by Member Hanes, to approve the minutes from the organizational DPW Board Meeting of February 7, 2024. Motion carried.

5. REVIEW OF DPW OBLIGATIONS

There are no active bond projects at this time; however, Member Wood suggested there may be a lack of awareness on the part of the local units related to the DPW as a financing mechanism for local infrastructure projects. Given this, the Commissioners should consider reminding the local municipalities of the resources available to them through the DPW Board if there is a need in the future.

Discussion followed and several of the members agreed that there are also more programs and grants available to local municipalities now, than have been available in the past.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or public comments, it was moved by Member Harger, supported by Member Wood, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Brian J. Ross, Chairperson

Eric Harger, Secretary

Penny Goerge, Deputy Secretary