

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 13, 2025

Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

5:30 p.m. at Allouez Township Hall, 102 Second St., Mohawk

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Laverne Kytta, Aaron Waara, Robert Kezele, Jerry Vairus, Joe Vairus, Greg Kingstrom, Carol Collins

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Aho at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Aho.

Roll Call; board members present: Supervisor Aho, Clerk Patrick, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Tarvis. Absent: Treasurer Newman

Motion by Trustee Johnson to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Tarvis. All Ayes; carried.

Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion by Trustee Tarvis, Seconded by Clerk Patrick to approve the minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Trustee Tarvis, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to accept the Financial Report and to approve the bills: All Ayes; carried

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

See Attached worksheet.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board had a letter from the Keweenaw County Zoning Administrator providing information on a public hearing for a zoning change.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Collins had asked about having Veteran's banners put up in Allouez Township like other municipalities have.

Jerry Vairus stated that the old drainage/sewer system caused flooding to his basement, probably due to some of the old pipes being plugged up or collapsed. DPW will investigate this matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing to report

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report

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Sanitation: Nothing to report.

Sewer: Nothing to report.

Cemetery Report: The Cemetery is still open and going well.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Nothing to report

Assessor's Report: The assessor's report was provided for review by Board members.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: There will be a county planning commission meeting on August 28th from 4 to 6 community building.

Clerk's report: Election went well with 261 total voters.

Treasurer's report: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer System Project:

Emmett Bjorn from UP Engineers was present to update the Board on the sewer system upgrade project which is funded through a grant/loan program from the U.S. Department of Rural Development. Project is looking to be completed by October.

3 drain fields have been finalized and 2 of the 17 lift stations are nearly completed.

Mr. Bjorn was requesting RD Draw request #9 totaling \$266,491.45 for U.P. Engineers invoice and B&B Contracting.

Motion made by Clerk Patrick, seconded by Trustee Tarvis to adopt the resolution to approve draw request #9. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes; carried.

Mr. Bjorn also presented change order #6 for the Sewer project with a solution of adding an effluent filter to help remove sewer trash from getting into the drain field. For a total change order cost of \$51,300.

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Motion made by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the change order. All Ayes; Carried.

Requested Stop Sign: Greg Kingstrom of the Keweenaw Road Commission talked about the request for a stop sign on 2nd St and Stanton Ave. Stop signs can be placed by the Road Commission if there is a need based on past crash history. If a stop sign were to be placed, costs of the Road Commission would be charged to the Township. A formal resolution from the township board would need to be approved.

Cedar Bay Parcel: The property owner that surrounds the parcel the township owns was contacted to see if they were interested in purchasing it, which they would be. An appraisal needs to be done on the property. It was decided to find a few more properties to lump together before going out for bids for an appraiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

ATCB Glass and Window Replacement: The township only received one bid for replacement of the windows at the Community Building. It was requested that the township gets more bids before making a decision.

Seneca Lake Park Expansion: Trees and Brush were cleared at Seneca Lake. The next step is to get some fill and topsoil, then seed and mulch. The Keweenaw County Road Commission offered to bring ditching material at no charge to the township.

A motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Aho to approve up to \$400.00 for topsoil for the park. All Ayes; carried.

Other Discussion: CD's are maturing on 9/7/2025. The Treasurer/Clerk will look into new rates.

There will be four more weeks of Music in the Park, the Pickleball court has seen a lot use.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Trustee Tarvis, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Jesse Patrick, Clerk

