

**March 11, 2026 - Hematite Township Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hoenig at 5:15pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Hoenig, Clerk Warren, Treasurer Haag, Trustee Raduechel & Trustee Richardson present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Treasurer Haag motioned to accept agenda as edited, supported by Trustee Richardson.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE:** Trustee Raduechel motioned to accept the meeting minutes as edited, supported by Treasurer Haag.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A) No calls this month B) Annual Fire Department meeting to elect officers in March. C) Annual Smear Tournament Fire Dept. fundraiser to be held on 3/28 at 12pm at the Sawblade D) Discussion had about updating the flagpoles and ordering stainless steel crosses at the cemetery. Township voted to order 10 crosses at \$175 each.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** A) Crystal Falls replaced Hematite Township water meter and increased water rates 2.7%. B) Clerk Warren motioned to increase water bills 2.7%, supported by Trustee Raduechel effective May 1. C) Discussion had about changing notification period for delinquent shut offs to 30 days D) Constable Robinson to deliver 5 shut off tags. E) Hydrants got shoveled out

**CONSTABLE REPORT:** A) Liquor report submitted with no violations. No issues this month.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** A) No new updates. B) Discussion had about changing the title for the position to Cemetery Manager as per MTA. C) Job description to be updated alongside employee handbook

**NEW BUSINESS:** A) **Employee Handbook:** Job Descriptions to be updated B) No new audit updates C) Release of rights to Amasa is the Scene in 2016: Township voted to release the rights to the files associated with Amasa is the Scene in 2016 to the Amasa Historical Society. D) Township Board signed the MTA Principals of Governance to display in Town Hall E) **Easter:** Tanya Stebbins is requesting \$400 for Easter Egg Hunt, Township supports. Easter event will be held on 4/4 at 1pm at the park for local kids 10 & under.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A) **Board Concerns:** Discussion had about the ADA website proposal. Trustee Raduechel to look into this further. B) **Budget:** Updates made to the 2026-2027 budget to be adopted at budget meeting. C) **Assessor Report:** Assessing going well. Deeds, property transfers affidavits and principal residence exemptions have all been collected, coded and entered into the assessing system. Busy season for assessing is wrapping up. The first BOR session on 3/9 went well, one more to go before closing the BOR.

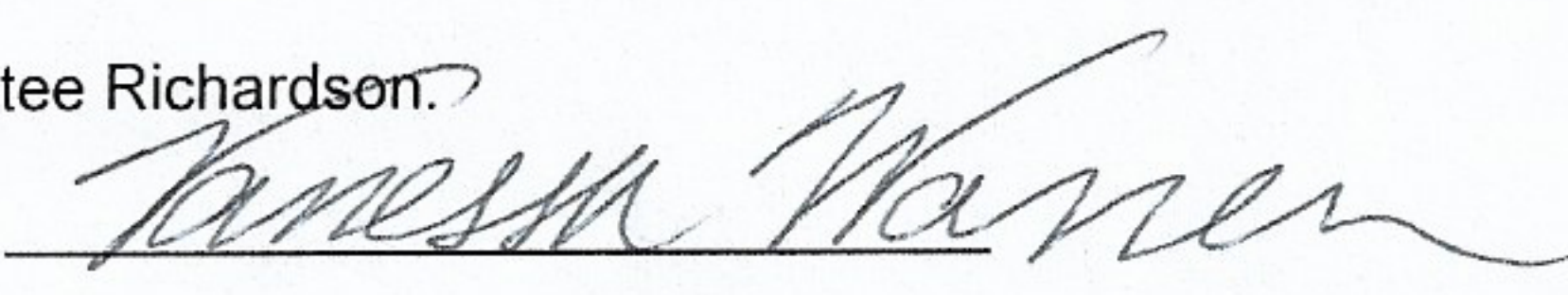
**TREASURER/CLERK REPORT:** A) Tax season ended Monday 3/2, and Treasurer Haag is wrapping up to prepare to go into settlement. All late payments must go to the county. B) BOR members took 2 year training on 2/25. C) Township to ask for a 2 mil, 4-year road millage to be put on the August ballot for the Township to do road work. If this proposal is not approved, it will be changed to a 2 mil, 2-year millage for the November election.

**CHECKS/TRANSFERS TBA:** Motion made by Trustee Richardson to approve checks and transfers, supported by Trustee Raduechel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

Treasurer Haag made a motion to adjourn at 6:27pm, supported by Trustee Richardson.

  
Joseph Hoenig, Township Supervisor

  
Vanessa Warren, Township Clerk