TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED WITH NO CHANGES MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING 4-0

June 17, 2025

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz M. Merchant, J. Merchant, Graves

Absent: none

Audience: 10

**A. REPEATING AGENDA:**

1. Meeting called to order by Cook at 7:03 pm. Pledge recited
2. Prior meeting minutes were approved with changes
3. Correspondence etc.: None
4. Agenda Content was approved as presented
5. Citizen Comment: none

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** Schultz pulls fire dept report to congratulate Mike Velding on retirement and 40 years of service.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. Graved gives Planning Commission report. They continue work on the Master Plan and are working on an updated definition for Short Term Rentals.
2. Cook presented financial report, good financial shape.

**D. BOARD ACTION**

 NO OLD BUSINESS

 NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion, made by Schultz, to approve the hiring of Fredrick Vandervennet as a basic EMT and Firefighter effective June 18, 2025, at the rates per the township schedule approved on March 18, 2025. Second by Cook. Passes 5-0

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. Cresswell boat ramp: Kevin Lane working with someone for repair estimate, will discuss further at July board meeting.
2. Elk Rapids District Library: brief discussion of ongoing contract topic.

3. Lakeview Cemetery Issues: discussion about how to handle ordinance violations within the cemetery

**F. AGENDA FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY**

 NONE

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Meg Ackerman regarding ER Nakwema Trail

Antrim County Commissioner Jarris Rubingh gives report.

**H. BOARD COMMENT**

J. Merchant is glad that we had the discussion about the cemetery. Schultz thanks Mortenson’s for coming to the meeting and sharing their thoughts.

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 p.m.**

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk