TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED WITH 1 CHANGE MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2025

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Absent: none

Audience: 18

**A. REPEATING AGENDA:**

1. Meeting called to order by Cook at 7:00 pm. Pledge recited.
2. Prior meeting minutes were approved as presented.
3. Correspondence etc.: None
4. Agenda Content was approved as presented with changes. Addition of New Business.
5. Citizen Comment: None

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** Accepted by consent.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. Graves gives update on Master Plan. Survey went out electronically and by mail. PC will be processing those results. Open house planned for 9/15/2025 from ~~4:30-6:00 PM~~ 4:00-6:30 PM. All are encouraged to come for open dialog.
2. FOIA Update-One FOIA request received.
3. Financial Overview-General fund favorable to budget. See specific details online.

**D. BOARD ACTION**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Cook/M. Merchant to request Antrim County Road Commission to conduct a speed study on N. W. Torch Lake Drive. Passes 5-0

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. New township office hours prepared and posted.
2. Short-term Rentals in the Township are popping up on sites like VRBO revealing a growing problem with compliance and enforcement. Discussed possible actions that the township could take. More research will be done, more discussion will follow.
3. Det. Bradley Martin from Antrim County Sheriffs Department spoke more about the Flock License Plate Reader, noting advantages at both Local and State levels.
4. Fire Chief Kevin Lane speaks about FD staffing challenges throughout the state.

**F. AGENDA FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY**

NONE

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Denise Walker shares concerns about the Flock License Plate Reader.

Elizabeth Calcutt gives update on Nakwema Trailway progress.

David Christenson speaks on board policy with regards to new carpet in the Community Service Building.

Antrim County Commissioner Jarris Rubingh gives report.

Jamima Rubingh shares her summer experiences.

Kristen Graves talks about the planning commission survey.

Casey Wiggins gives his thoughts on Short-Term Rentals.

See all public comments online.

**H. BOARD COMMENT**

Board comment was heard.

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 p.m.**

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk