

Torch Lake Township

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

MARCH 10, 2026



Torch Lake Township

Public Hearing for the FY 2025-2026 Budgets Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

At the Torch Lake Township Community Services Building
2355 N. US 31, Kewadin, Michigan 49648

Live Streaming on YouTube

6:00 P.M. Budget Hearings:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of March 11th, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Testimony and comments from citizens related to the township
4. State of the Township - Township Supervisor
5. 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Salary Resolutions - Township Elected Officials:
 - A. Supervisor
 - B. Treasurer
 - C. Clerk
 - D. Trustee
6. Public comment
7. Adjournment

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
MARCH 11, 2025
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Graves, M. Merchant and J. Merchant
Absent: None
Audience: +/- 17

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Motion to wave the reading of the minutes of March 12, 2024 Annual Meeting of the Electors by Schultz, second by M. Merchant. Motion passes. Motion to approve minutes by Laura Anderson, second by Paul Vanhesse. Motion passes with no corrections.
3. Testimony and Comments from Citizens related to the Township:
 - A. Dick Lorenz commenting on need for bicycle trail. Encourages public to get involved. Meetings on 4/10/2025 5-7 p.m. at Shorts and 5/3/25 10-4p.m.at Pine Hill.
 - B. Maureen Lorenz asks for a Master Plan update. Cook refers to ZA for updates. Graves comments that the PC will hold Open House to involve Public mid-late summer
4. State of the Township: Mr. Cook addressed the audience. Reflects on the past year. Thanks Kathy Windiate and Alan Martel for their service, welcomes new board members. New zoning ordinance was passed, thanks to the PC. Plans were implemented with regards to the new fire and EMS equipment. Sprinkler system installed at Day Park. Recognition to fire and Ems for their professionalism. Thanks to Mike Bertram, Kevin Lane, Ted Schroeder. New Master and Rec plans this year. Additional thanks to Amy Jenema for her exceptional work as well as Linda Woodward. Thanks to Michael Strange for his redesign and upkeep of the website. Thanks to Bob and Ginny Hawkins for their commitment to the Day Park. Thanks to Andy Graves and the PC as well as Laura Anderson and the ZBA. Compliments to Sara Kopriva for her work as the ZA. 2025-2026 goals to manage cash flow for fire and ambulance.
5. Salary Resolutions 2023-24 Fiscal Year:
 - A. Treasurer: **Motion** by L. Anderson to approve Resolution 2025-03, Treasurer salary, to be set at \$35,190 for fiscal year 2025-26 as proposed was seconded and passed 15-0.
 - B. Clerk: **Motion** by D. Graeber to increase proposed Resolution 2025-02, Clerk salary, from \$33,000 to \$35,190, was seconded and passed 13-1.
 - C. Trustees: **Motion** by Rita Service to approve Resolution 2025-04, Trustee salary, to be set at \$6210 was seconded and passed 17-0.
 - D. Supervisor: **Motion** by Graves to approve Resolution 2025-01, Supervisor salary, to be set at \$35,190 was seconded and passed 15-0.
6. Public Comment: None
7. **Motion** by Cook to adjourn at 6:58 PM was seconded and passed unanimously.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Mary Merchant
Township Clerk

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP,
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SALARY

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 03

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Torch Lake Township to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees for fiscal year 2026-2027, by adopting by resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95(3), in a township that does hold an Annual Meeting of the Electors, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and confirmed by the electors of the township at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that the salary for Supervisor for 2026-2027 fiscal year should be increased,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for Supervisor shall be \$36,600.00 per year for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, January 20th, 2026 is properly adopted by the Torch Lake Township board, as required by law.

Moved by board member: _____

Seconded by board member: _____

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Merchant, M ___ Graves ___ Merchant, J ___ Cook ___ Schultz ___

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk _____ Date 1/20/2026

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP,
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TREASURER SALARY

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 05

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Torch Lake Township to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees for fiscal year 2026-2027, by adopting by resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95(3), in a township that does hold an Annual Meeting of the Electors, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and confirmed by the electors of the township at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that the salary for Treasurer for 2026-2027 fiscal year should be increased,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for Treasurer shall be \$ \$36,600.00 per year for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, January 20th, 2026 is properly adopted by the Torch Lake Township board, as required by law.

Moved by board member: _____

Seconded by board member: _____

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Cook ____ Merchant, J ____ Graves ____ Schultz ____ Merchant, M ____

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk _____ Date 1/20/2026

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP,
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP CLERK SALARY

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 04

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Torch Lake Township to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees for fiscal year 2026-2027, by adopting by resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95(3), in a township that does hold an Annual Meeting of the Electors, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and confirmed by the electors of the township at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that the salary for Clerk for 2026-2027 fiscal year should be increased,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for Clerk shall be \$36,600.00 per year for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, January 20th, 2026 is properly adopted by the Torch Lake Township board, as required by law.

Moved by board member: _____

Seconded by board member: _____

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Merchant J _____ Cook _____ Merchant, M _____ Schultz _____ Graves _____

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk _____ Date 1/20/2026

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP,
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SALARY

RESOLUTION # 2026 - 06

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of Torch Lake Township to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees for fiscal year 2026-2027, by adopting by resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95(3), in a township that does hold an Annual Meeting of the Electors, and at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Electors the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and confirmed by the electors of the township at the Annual Meeting of the Electors, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that the salary for Trustees for 2026-2027 fiscal year should be increased,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for Trustees shall be \$6,460.00 per year for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted this day, January 20th, 2026 is properly adopted by the Torch Lake Township board, as required by law.

Moved by board member: _____

Seconded by board member: _____

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Schultz _____ Graves _____ Merchant M _____ Cook _____ Merchant J _____

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk _____ Date 1/20/2026