TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED 5-0 NO CHANGES MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2025

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Absent: Graves

Audience: 12

**A. REPEATING AGENDA:**

1. Meeting called to order by Cook at 7:01 pm. Pledge recited
2. Prior meeting minutes were approved as presented
3. Correspondence etc.: None
4. Agenda Content was approved as presented with changes
5. Citizen Comment: none

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** J. Merchant pulls zoning report and requests update on reported zoning violations in the township.

**C. SPECIAL REPORTS**

1. Garry Knapp-Community Mental Health Update. Spoke on the importance of rehabilitation to reduce recidivism in the county jail.
2. Flock License Plate Reader-Sheriffs Dept. Overview and discussion on use and purpose.
3. Planning Commission-none
4. FOIA Update-none
5. Financial Overview-General fund favorable to budget. Revenues are up.

**D. BOARD ACTION**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion, Schultz/M. Merchant, to approve funding to purchase new carpeting for the TLT CSB from Floor Covering Brokers not to exceed $31,900.

**E. AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. Flock License Plate Reader-clerk will check with Elk Rapids to get feedback on how they are doing with theirs.
2. Township Office Hours-supervisor will put together a schedule for review.
3. Lakeview Cemetery Issues: will move forward with new ordinance enforcement. Previously planted, healthy trees will stay. No new trees will be allowed planted by residents.
4. Mutal Aid Agreement with Lake CVX EMS Authority-Discussed possible pros and cons, will revisit topic at next meeting.

**F. AGENDA FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY**

NONE

**G. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Rita Service with comments on Scheduled Office Hours, Boat Sticker distribution, and Cemetery Ordinance Enforcement.

Antrim County Commissioner Jarris Rubingh gives report.

Jamima Rubingh reads a poem.

**H. BOARD COMMENT**

Board comment was heard.

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:42 p.m.**

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

Mary Merchant, Township Clerk