

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 14, 2026
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Chairman Mike Hall opened the **Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. September 14** in the Quilt Inn meeting room. The 2027 budget was available online and offered to attendees. Clerk noted the budget had been approved at the annual meeting in March. This hearing, mandated by the state legislature, allows amounts to be lowered but not raised. With no comments or questions raised, Mike closed the hearing.

The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was then called to order by Chairman Mike Hall at 7:03 p.m. September 14, 2026, in the Quilt Inn meeting room with Supervisors David Thompson, Michael Sivertson, Luke Artz and Greg Mathwich along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross, also Zoning Assistant Mark Kihle. Twelve visitors signed the register, including Sheriff Tofteland and Commissioner Pedersen who had been invited by the board.

Minutes: August 10 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report:** Cash/Fund balance reported as \$803,040.78 with a request to pay bills totaling \$41,219.86. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle presented the following permits:

- Scott-Angie McIntee/Larson 2nd Addn to Loon Lk – Changed from Back Lot 2 to building the same 40x60 storage shed on their Back Lot 1, based on site advice from the contractor. Side wall height is 16’.
- Dalen Kendall/Metigoshe Estates – Add a 20x30 deck to cabin, adequate lot size.
- Loren-Cheryl Moen/Central Pk – New fence on lot line, adjacent owners signed agreement.
- Tim-Pam Doehler/new 1 acre lot in Section 7 – 34x60 storage shed, 14’ side walls.
- Tabled: Request to raise an older cabin to put a foundation of unknown height under it; it is 4’ from the side lot line, and shares the driveway, two gray areas to consider, with a variance to be requested for the setback.
- Tabled: New request to install a marine gas station at Twin Oaks marina; a previous request has not yet followed up with a permit. Will confirm which option to pursue.
- Tabled: Permit for Herbel/Shop Condo on Lot 17, Birchwood Heights 2nd Addn on hold due to Covenants and Restrictions on this lot not addressed when permit was approved; other shops approved to date are not on lots with these covenants that require a 900 sq ft dwelling (not mobile home). Bryan Schweitzer will check related Rec Service issues and bring information to the next meeting.

After discussion, *MOTION by Greg to approve the first four permits and table the others, 2nd by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **(Tabled to October) Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report/Board Discussion:**
2. **RV CUP Renewals – Mark K:** Activity has slowed; those with storage-only RVs may be sent letters if they didn’t return the fee-free permit form. Mike thanked Mark for doing a good job of keeping an eye on RV use.
3. **Building/Location Permit Revision-pdf online:** A test permit form will be sent to supervisors to fill out and return.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Discuss/Ask Questions on Signage and In-Home Businesses - Jim Bondly:** Not in attendance. [Apologized afterward via email.]
2. **ADDED – Lake Metigoshe Improvement Assoc. Purchase of Tree Clearing Equipment:** Mike shared information regarding potential purchase by the LMIA of a unit to clear trees, mainly on the bike trail, for \$2500. David suggested it would be preferable to contribute toward a better unit more up to the task. He clarified that the allowed Right-of-way for clearing is 66’ from center line for county roads and 33’ from center line for township roads.
3. **ADDED – Request to Purchase Small Piece of ‘Orphan’ Land near Aspen Ave:** Luke shared information on a property owner seeking information on the possibility of purchasing adjacent land appearing to be county or township owned; further investigation is needed.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:10 pm.

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NEW GENERAL BUSINESS (addressed first):

1. **County Sheriff/County Commissioner re: Need for Better Township Coverage:** Sheriff Jeremy Tofteland and Commissioner Andy Pederson attended at the request of the board to hear in person the perceived need for better coverage, particularly during busy summer months around the lake. As expected, reporting the current shortage of two deputies hinders the ability to cover the county at three per shift, especially with one assigned only to town. Tofteland reported 411 calls for service, of which Lake Metigoshe had 74 citations; however, another number mentioned was less than what has been told to the board of calls made to request assistance.
 - When asked if there is a possibility of hiring part-time summer coverage, with township contributing to the cost, Tofteland said it's difficult to find fulltime deputies, much less part-timers who would need to be certified.
 - Using patrol time to check on parking regulations, underage golf cart use, speeding on cabin roads, etc. keep deputies from the ability to monitor the main roads; Tofteland mentioned that a DUI stop can tie a deputy up for three hours doing follow-up.
 - Mike offered that stopping a speeder tends to slow area traffic for at least a couple days, also that parked Highway Patrol vehicles tend to slow speeders.
 - Pederson added agreement with the need to hire another deputy, and reported that the county has adjusted the Lake Loop East speed limit off Hwy 43 as 40 mph for one mile then it is reduced to 30 mph.
 - Appreciation for their attendance was expressed.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Follow-up on Rugby Point Issues:** 1- Canadian thistle is drying, appears to have been sprayed. 2- Signs were moved north, are staying upright. 3 – Mowing and hydroseeding both still to be done, along with the plan for a rope divider to make a walking path.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Luke is now the contact with Ritchie, county road superintendent.
 - **Rural Roads:** Work on 16th Ave upgrade, tree clearing and bank slopes is underway.
3. **Mowing:** Still are areas waiting to be mowed where Wendell had done it before.
4. **Pursue Land Availability from County for Possible Future Building:** Luke met with Ritchie, looking at the area back in the trees by the tower on county land, with perhaps space for storing the street sweeper and/or mower. A 30x40' size could potentially be used for such storage along with township records. Mike Hamilton suggested the need to consider digital storage, although the cost has been found quite high, as well as no assurance that current means of digital storage will always be available for retrieval.

> REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- *County requested notification of building permits &/or driveway modifications on county right-of-way.*
- *Brett Peterson/ParcelWatt requested assistance to accurately map township zoning (to Wold Eng)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meetings: Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8.