

**ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**BUDGET HEARING + ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, September 8, 2025**  
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**The 2026 BUDGET HEARING**, as required by state legislature, was opened at 7:00 p.m., September 8, 2025, in the Quilt Inn meeting by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Vern Jacobson, David Thompson, Luke Artz and Michael Sivertson, Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross attending, along with the following: Mark Kihle, Barry Williams, Daryl Bonebrake, Robert Puttre, Steve Fritel, Steve Selfors, Clifford Issendorf, Addie Berg, Mike Burckhard, Kevin Connole and Craig Benson. Copies were available of the 2026 budget approved at the March annual meeting with a levy of \$226,550. Chairman Mike explained the budget process; Clerk said the levy amount is \$2,000 below the previous year, and in response to a question noted that is about 14 mills. No further questions were raised. Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**The Roland Township ZONING BOARD** was called to order immediately following with attendance as above, recorded individually as per state requirement for the hearing. **Minutes:** August 11 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$719,620.65 and a request to pay bills of \$2,739.41 as listed. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report, and pay the bills presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Tim presented the following items:

- Update on Schmidt/27 Lake Met Park – work has been done as requested except the deck in front is not yet in compliance; Tim said it will be taken off and rebuilt closer to the ground as a walkway.
- Derek Blasing/OL32 of GovLot 2 Lake Met Park – New dwelling and garage, fits within setbacks, OK'd by sewer district that sewer will go through the middle of the house.
- Brad Nelson/off Highland Rd – requesting 40x60 shop, 35' road setback.
- Robert Puttre/Lot 141 Burnetts 1<sup>st</sup> – consider tabled request to increase the size and height of a shed permitted in August to replace an old one at the same 22' road setback: Asking to increase shed from 12x12 to 12x14 with same road setback and add a deck and a 2<sup>nd</sup> story since the ordinance doesn't address shed height limits. Board discussed a variety of issues such as changing a non-conforming structure, increasing the structure size from the permit that received the variance, different uses of structures called sheds, and questions in general for considering an apparently new type of accessory structure. Board suggested for Tim to submit an amended permit to fit the revised request, then *MOTION by Vern to approve the shed plan as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE – David-NO, Vern-YES, Mike-ABSTAIN, Michael-YES, Luke-YES, 3 YES = CARRIED.*
- *MOTION by David to approve the other permits as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

**OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage Issue – C Benson/Whiskey Bay area:** Ritchie Gimbel, Co. Road Superintendent and Mike observed and agreed the drainage problem should be easy to fix in spring; Craig Benson asked to be involved in details of the fix.
2. **2025 RV Report:** RV activity has slowed down; Mark said there have been 76 paid permits and 28 storage units to date.
3. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Conex units are being looked at and considered potentially usable for the intended purpose.
4. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** The committee is still planning to meet.

**NEW ZONING BUSINESS:**

1. **None offered.**

**GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:42 p.m.**

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**OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **New Burnetts Rd - Update:** Road is nearing completion; county to approve signs and placement prior to opening; old road will need to be barricaded. *MOTION by Vern that the township approve the new section of Burnetts Road effective October 1, with confirmation that signs have been installed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael. VOTE- 5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
  - **Cabin Roads:** Mike said the County is working to fix roads in McCloud Addn, with Roadside Ranch also in line to have potholes fixed; Laundromat Rd has been improved.
  - **Rural Roads:** David said spot graveling is being done to be ready for winter.
3. **Mowing Report:** County will do fall mowing soon.

**NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **Road Revision for Williams Acres – Barry Williams:** The plat as originally approved had a road easement which ended up not needed and Williams wanted removed for tax purposes. He was directed to have the plat redrawn without the road, so property owners know it is gone. The portion remaining as a road can be taken over by the township when brought up to county standards.
2. **Renew Road Damage Liability Ad in Courant:** *MOTION by Vern to renew the ad for another year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. VOTE – 5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Follow-up from 2026 Budget Hearing:** Board agreed to keep the budget as approved in March.
4. **Consider NDTOA Suggestion for Public Comment Policy:** Board approved the policy basically as presented and agreed to include it as an information page in the back of the ordinance and on the website.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- NDIRF The Participator publication available for review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.  
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, October 13.