

Holly Township
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Minutes of April 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Kullis called the Special Meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm located at the Holly Township Offices (Upstairs), 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

George Kullis, Karin Winchester, Jennifer Ryan, Ryan Matson, Michael McCanney and Richard Kinnamon

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: None.

- **Motion by Clerk Winchester to excuse Trustee Burton. Supported by Supervisor Kullis. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 6/0**

AGENDA APPROVAL

Trustee Matson suggested flipping items 2 and 3 on the agenda to discuss budget amendments before the vehicle purchase. However, Winchester noted that they cannot amend a special meeting agenda without a full board present. Supervisor Kullis explained that this order made sense because they wouldn't want to approve a purchase without having the budget in place, but they also wouldn't do budget amendments unless they accepted the grant first.

- **Motion by Trustee Matson Supported by Clerk Winchester to approve the agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 6/0.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of EGLE Community Energy Management Grant Agreement.

Supervisor Kullis explained this was a grant that Treasurer Ryan had informed the board about in previous meetings, consisting of 23 pages of documentation. He noted that accepting the grant was the first step in the process.

Treasurer Ryan explained that this is a reimbursement grant requiring the township to pay expenses first and then receive reimbursement. The grant covers an electric vehicle, charging stations at the new facility, and an energy audit of existing buildings with potential energy upgrades.

Trustee McCanney questioned whether electric vehicles were specifically included in the approved categories, as he saw a list of other items like insulation, HVAC upgrades, wind turbines, and solar thermal systems. Ryan clarified that when they submitted the budget application, they had specifically included the car, charging stations, and audit with upgrades in their request.

Trustee Kinnamon observed the grant was straightforward, though noting its complexity given the 23-page length.

- **Motion by Treasurer Ryan to accept the EGLE Community Energy Management Grant for \$100,00.00. Supported by Clerk Winchester. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 6/0.**

2. 2025-2026 Budget Amendments – Proposed Resolution 2026-06.

- **Motion by Trustee Kinnamon to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Amendments – Proposed Resolution 2026-06. Supported by Treasurer Ryan. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion carried 6/0.**

3. Purchase of Electric Vehicle from EGLE Community Energy Management Grant.

Supervisor Kullis explained that the primary reason for calling the special meeting was that vehicle purchases through dealerships require quick action while vehicles are available. The truck was parked outside for board members to inspect. The purchase agreement showed a total cost of \$60,597 after discounts.

Supervisor Kullis met with State Electric regarding charging stations and confirmed the necessary infrastructure exists at Dawson Tire, where the truck would be stored in a bay. He explained this truck would supplement their current 2013 work truck, providing seating for five people instead of two, allowing the board to travel together to meetings rather than taking multiple vehicles.

Trustee Matson said he would be voting no expressing strong opposition to the GMC Sierra, advocating instead for a Tesla Cybertruck. He said Tesla offers superior electric vehicle technology, backward-compatible electric storage generators allowing the vehicle to power buildings, and potential integration with Tesla solar systems. He also cited concerns about GMC's commitment to electric vehicles and charging infrastructure limitations, noting home charging kits were on backorder.

Supervisor Kullis responded that State Electric assured him charging stations were available,

Trustee Matson stated Tesla's superior cold weather technology with built-in battery warming technology that doesn't reduce charge capacity, and has faster charging capabilities. He noted Tesla Cybertrucks can be purchased directly through Tesla's website at various price points.

Treasurer Ryan questioned the Cybertruck's cargo capacity, specifically whether it could accommodate election equipment requiring covered, box-like storage. She noted they had evaluated various electric vehicles including SUVs, but only trucks provided adequate covered cargo space with caps.

Clerk Winchester confirmed they need a cover with taller capacity, a truck topper type storage that a tonneau cover wouldn't provide. Trustee Matson suggested the Cybertruck's has a retractable cover, Winchester clarified they needed more height than such covers typically offer.

Supervisor Kullis noted the township wouldn't purchase an electric vehicle without grant funding, emphasizing this was specifically grant-funded. He also mentioned the vehicle was a demo with 2,400 miles but would be titled as a new vehicle.

Trustee Kinnamon viewed this as a short-term acquisition, suggesting they'd likely replace it in 3-4 years. Treasurer Ryan noted the cost was significant even as a "freebie" and hoped for longer use given their current 2013 truck's longevity.

Discussion included warranty comparisons, with Trustee McCanney consulting an AI assistant to confirm GMC's electric vehicle warranty: 3 years/36,000 miles bumper-to-bumper coverage and 8 years/100,000 miles battery capacity coverage, matching Tesla's battery warranty terms.

- **Motion by Supervisor Kullis to purchase the 2026 GMC Sierra EV 4-Wheel Drive Crew Cab. Supported by Treasurer Ryan. A roll call vote was taken. Jennifer Ryan - yes, Richard Kinnamon – yes, Michael McCanney – yes, Ryan Matson - no, Winchester - yes, George Kullis - yes. The motion carried 5/1.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Kullis adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk