

*Eaton Rapids Township
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Board Members:

*Scott Wilson-Supervisor, Tami Harrison-Clerk, Janice Heck-Treasurer,
Amanda Brown-Trustee, Steve Benkovsky-Trustee*

Fire Department:

Brad Wilbur-Interim Fire Chief

**Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 6:30 pm**

1. Supervisor Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:32
2. Supervisor Wilson lead the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Wilson__X__ Heck_X__ Harrison__X__ Brown__X__ Benkovsky_X
4. Clerk Harrison moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Trustee Brown. Motion carried.
5. Supervisor Wilson moved to approve of the Minutes of the February Regular Board Meeting with minor corrections. Treasurer Heck seconded. Motion carried
6. Fire Department Report (see attached): Interim Chief Brad Wilbur shared February run report. 61 calls total: 47 MFR's, 1 structure fire, 2 fire alarms, 2 fire investigations, 1 downed wire, 5 personal injury, 1 misc fire
7. Brief Public comments: County Commissioner Keith Barbor reviewed potential millages for Aug and Nov elections and May 9 Delta Recycling Day. County also attempting to get grant for/purchase railroad in Charlotte for a trail. Ron Goodnoe commented on poor pothole maintenance on M99, Canal/Island stop sign and a remembrance of deceased Hamlin Twp Fire Chief, Ron Byerly
8. New Business
 - Flower Garden 425 Termination update
 - Township Hall rental discussion. Motion by Treasurer Heck to allow Skyway Annual Association to use building free of charge for a maximum of 2 hours . No food/drinks. Seconded by Clerk Harrison . Motion carried
 - Parks Report/ Budget (see attached)
 - Land acquisition/restricted use funds. Motion by Trustee Brown for Treasurer Heck to establish a special account for land acquisition/land improvement specifically for real estate/property surrounding Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department. Second by Trustee Benkovsky. Roll call vote to approve Heck- yes, Brown-yes, Wilson-yes, Harrison-yes, Benkovsky-yes. Motion carried
 - Motion to accept budget amendments as presented by Treasurer Heck, seconded Supervisor Wilson, motion carried
 - Winslow family purchased additional property and requests PA116. Motion to support by Treasurer Heck, second by Supervisor Wilson. Motion carried
 - Motion to adopt the following FOIA Procedures and Guidelines for Eaton Rapids Township (see attached), as currently presented, and authorize it to be posted on the Township's website by Trustee Benkovsky, second by Treasurer Heck. Roll call vote: Wilson-yes, Harrison-yes, Brown-yes, Heck-yes, Benkovsky-yes. Motion carried

- FOIA Appeal. Motion to adopt the Township Attorney's recommendation as to the FOIA fee appeal submitted by Ms. Vela and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign both the appeal determination letter and the accompanying certification behalf of the Township Board by Trustee Heck, second by Trustee Benkovsky. Roll call vote. Benkovsky-yes, Harrison-yes, Wilson-yes, Heck-yes, Brown-yes. Motion carried
 - Teen Space Funding discussion. Will make determination next budget cycle
 - Special Meeting to discuss budget on 3/24 at 4:00p.m
9. Unfinished Business: None
10. Board Reports:
- Supervisor Wilson
 - BOR went well
 - Private donor (\$20,000.00) to cover cameras for Township Hall and Fire Department. Supervisor Wilson getting quotes
 - Thatch completed Risk Assessment (see attached). Supervisor Wilson will sign off on covered items
 - Treasurer Heck
 - Report attached. Cash/equivalent on hand = \$240,680.97
 - Investigating grant opportunities to help cover audit related services
 - Will be filing F65
 - MiClass balanced and reconciled
 - Clerk Harrison
 - Summary of bills paid/to be paid attached
 - Trustee Brown
 - Planning Committee met this week. Draft minutes will be posted to website
 - Trustee Benkovsky
 - No report
11. Brief Public Comment: County alarm testing to be completed March 18, 2026
12. Correspondence- None
13. Adjournment 9:10p.m.

Annual Meeting March 24, 2026 6:00pm with Budget hearing to follow
Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting April 10, 2026 at 6:30p.m .

Respectfully submitted, Tami Harrison- Clerk