CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
September 21, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Rick Hamill, Supervisor
Tami Flowers, Clerk
Jennifer Frederick, Treasurer
Grant Charlick, Trustee
Brian Howe, Trustee
Beth Lewis, Trustee
Joseph Salvia, Trustee

Also Present: Fire Chief Nick George
Lieutenant Matt Snyder
Kristin Kolb, Township Attorney

Visitors: 20

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Charlick – yes, Howe, Lewis – yes, Salvia - yes

Consent Agenda Approval:
August 31, 2026 Board of Trustees Board Minutes
List of Bills dated September 3 and September 17, 2026 plus Additions
Renewal of Pitney Bowes 60-month Lease Agreement for Postage Meter Machine
Resolution 26-31 to Authorize the Placement of Signage on M-59 Median to Advise Public of Early Voting

Mr. Howe moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Charlick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia - yes

Announcements:
1) We are sad to share the news of the passing of Chari Scicluna on September 8, 2026. Chari began working at the Highland Activity Center in 2018. Her service to the Township was highly valued and she will be greatly missed.
2) Community information meeting at the Highland Fire Department – Station 1, 1600 W. Highland Rd on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm, this will be an open community discussion regarding the upcoming millage proposal and what it means for our community's safety and services

3) The Public Accuracy Test will be held in the Highland Township Auditorium on Wednesday, September 23rd at 2:00 pm for the November 3, 2026 General Election
4) Ballots will be mailed Monday, September 28th to the absentee voter. Those who would like to pick up their ballot in person can do so on Thursday, September 24th from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and or Friday, September 25th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Photo ID or affidavit signatures are required.
5) Highland Farmers' Market is every Saturday from 10 am-2 pm in front of the Township Hall and will be open through October 3rd. October 3rd is the market's Trick or Treat & Family Costume Parade.
6) Haunted Highland will be back and will run throughout October, watch your local businesses as they work alongside the DDA to bring some scary fun.
7) Open House & Pancake Breakfast at Highland Township Fire Department Station 1 will be on Sunday, October 4th from 9 am to 12 pm. This is a FREE event with donations going to the Goodfellows Association.
8) The next Talk of the Town meeting will be Tuesday, October 20th at 6 pm in the Township Auditorium featuring the Highland Township Fire Department. Come ask questions and learn more about the Highland Township Fire Department and the upcoming millage proposal.
9) Early Voting for the November 3rd General Election will be in the Highland Township Auditorium Saturday October 24th through Sunday November 1st from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except on Thursday (hours are 12 pm to 8 pm).
10) Election Day is November 3, 2026. All Highland residents will be voting at Milford High School. Polls are open from 7 am until 8 pm.

Public Comment:
Residents expressed concerns over inflation and costly projects needing additional funding and requested that these costs be spread out with better notification of cost increases. Another resident requested a sign at the White Lake boat launch with the Township ordinance regarding duck hunting.

Pending Business:
a) Consider Approving Zoning Amendment Z-040 to change the official zoning map from C-1, Local Commercial Zoning District to C-2, General Commercial Zoning District for a portion of parcel 11-27-327-015 with voluntary offer of conditions to allow for establishment of a taxidermy studio with special land use approval for the northernmost lease unit of Colonial Village Plaza, 1415 S. Milford (formerly Dee's Cafe)

Ms. Frederick moved to approve Zoning Amendment Z-040 to change the official zoning map from C-1, Local Commercial Zoning District to C-2, General Commercial Zoning District for a portion of parcel #11-27-327-015 with a voluntary offer of conditions to allow for establishment of a taxidermy studio with special land use approval for the northernmost lease unit of Colonial Village Plaza, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Charlick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis - yes, Salvia – yes

b) Consider Approving Zoning Ordinance No 473, to enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers, effective immediately upon publication

Ms. Frederick moved to approve Ordinance No 473, an Ordinance to enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers, effective immediately upon publication. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Charlick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis - yes, Salvia – yes

New Business:
a) 2027 Budget Draft Discussion held

Adjourn:
The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk

Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor