



# PORT SHELTON TOWNSHIP

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## BOARD MEETING

### *AGENDA*

**Wednesday – June 11, 2025**

5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of allegiance
4. Invocation
5. Additions to Agenda
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Public Comment
8. Consent Agenda Approval
  - a. Approve Minutes- Regular mtg. – May 14, 2025\*
  - b. Approve Financial Report
  - c. Approve Correspondence\*
  - d. Approve Committee Reports
  - e. Approve payment of Bills
9. Consider – Resolution for Firefighter Olivia Ohlman\*
10. Consider – Assumption and Assignment of Contract for Pierce Pumper/Tanker\*
11. Consider – Schedule Special Board Meeting/Workshop – Engineer Report
12. Consider – Approve funding of MERS Surplus Division (budgeted)
13. Consider – Extra Storm Cleanup Compensation
14. Additions to Agenda
15. Public Comment
16. Adjourn

**\* Information included in packet**

Next Meeting – Date July 9, 2025

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Port Sheldon Township Board  
April 9, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call

Present: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Luke DeVries and Bill Monhollon.  
Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Fire Chief Brad Dirkse, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Prince, Jason Shamblin, Ottawa County Parks and Recreation, Jim Barry, Ottawa County District 1

Commissioner, Rich Houteman, Consumers Energy Representative, and 29 Residents/guests.

3. Pledge of allegiance.

4. Invocation

Meredith Hemmeke offered the invocation.

5. Additions to Agenda: None

6. Approval of Agenda.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Consent Agenda Approval

- a. Approve Minutes- April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting.

- b. Approve Financial Report

- c. Approve Correspondence: None

- d. Approve Committee Reports

- i. Building – Fourteen permits issued with three new house starts.

- ii. Fire Department – Nineteen calls, plus two meetings. Fire Chief Dirkse received notice from Olivia Ohlman that she is resigning as a firefighter. Supervisor thanked the fire department for their work and also the voters for approving the fire operating millage.

- e. Approve payment of Bills

**Motion** by Monhollon to approve the consent agenda. Supported by Frantom and carried.

**Motion** by DeVries to accept Firefighter Olivia Ohlman's resignation with regrets. Supported by Hemmeke and carried.

9. Presentation- Commissioner Jim Barry

Commissioner Jim Barry, gave a presentation on where the county is in the process of hiring of a County Administrator.

10. Presentation-Consumer's Energy Representative

Rich Houteman, Consumer's Energy Representative, presented that Consumer' Energy will be hosting a public open house on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Port Sheldon Township Hall, that the public access to the pier is open and gave the township an update on the JH Campbell plant closure on May 31, 2025. He thanked the Fire Department, Port Sheldon Township and the County for the support.

11. Receive/Discuss -Economic Resiliency Response Plan.

Consultant has completed the financial and economic deep dive looking into the impact of the JH Campbell Plant Closure. The plan has been delivered to the board of trustees for review.

12. Consider- Planning Commission Recommendation for distribution of Draft Master Plan.

Timeline for the Master Plan process is located on the website.

**Motion** made by Monhollon to authorize the distribution of the draft Master Plan. Motion supported by Frantom and carried with five yes roll call votes. Yes: Sabatino, Hemmeke, Frantom, DeVries and

Monhollon. Nays: None

13. Consider -Easement Request for Parcel 70-11-21-193-001.

**Motion** by DeVries to approve the easement request for parcel 70-11-21-193-001 and authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign. Supported by Frantom and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Frantom, DeVries, Sabatino, Monhollon, and Hemmeke. Nays: None.

14. Consider- Resolution for Participating in Tax Foreclosure Avoidance Program.

**Motion** by Monhollon to adopt Resolution 2025-11 stating the township will participate in the Tax Foreclosure Avoidance Payment Reduction Program. Supported by DeVries and carried with five yes roll call votes. Yes: Sabatino, Hemmeke, Frantom, Monhollon and DeVries. Nays: None

15. Consider- Resolution Recognizing National Law Enforcement Week, May 11-17, 2025

**Motion** by Hemmeke to adopt a resolution recognizing May 11-17, 2025 as National Law Enforcement Week and Ottawa County Sheriff's Department in particular. Supported by DeVries and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Sabatino, Hemmeke, Frantom, Monhollon and DeVries. Nays: None

16. Discussion-New Office Hours

The treasurer explained the information on how and why the office hours are being expanded. This change is to better serve our customers and residents of Port Sheldon Township. New hours begin June 16<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be posted on the Township website and on the door.

17. Additions to Agenda: None

18. Public Comment:

Comment were received from five township residents/guests.

- Dave Brink, Port Sheldon
- Robert Hogikyan, Port Sheldon
- Amy Hamman, Port Sheldon
- Jan O'Connell, guest
- Josh Hamman, Port Sheldon

19. Adjourn

**Motion** by Monhollon to adjourn. Supported by DeVries and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Meredith Hemmeke, Clerk

**From:** [Joseph McCarter](#)  
**To:** [Joseph McCarter](#)  
**Subject:** request to Township Boards in the aftermath of the Trump Administration's Campbell order  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 10:00:47 PM

**Caution!** This email is from an external address and contains a link. Use caution when following links as they could open malicious web sites.

Dear Members of the Township Boards of Ottawa County:

We are thankful for the recent Trump Administration order temporarily pausing the Campbell closure<sup>[1]</sup> and the work of many of you that helped make it possible. More local involvement is now needed to save the Campbell on a longer term basis and secure a reliable, affordable grid. The Consumers Energy/MPSC duo is firmly committed to an unrealistic Net Zero agenda that will become even more expensive as Federal Government subsidies like the solar credit are reduced or eliminated.<sup>[2]</sup> Our current Net Zero path has us following the UK into rising electric rates, de-industrialization, and a tenuous grid.<sup>[3]</sup> The best estimates are a 4.7 gigawatt shortfall in our regional grid by 2027 if planned plant closures like the Campbell proceed.<sup>[4]</sup>

Our request is that Ottawa County's township boards (or at least as many as would be interested) join together in setting up an exploratory committee to investigate acquiring Consumers Energy's interest in the Campbell, via local electric cooperatives, financed with the assistance of a data center that would utilize some of the Campbell's generated electricity, and facilitated with the assistance of the Ottawa County Board. It could also investigate the possibility of local control of electric for the parts of the County which do not yet have it. Of course, if such investigation of the committee were to conclude no economic path is currently available, then the effort would not be pursued. However, there is good reason to believe an economic path is available given the strong demand for reliable electric which the Campbell facility can provide in the coming years. The Trump Administration might even assist us in this local effort.

The reality is that the combination of gas and coal for our baseload electric remains the most practical route for the coming decade,<sup>[5]</sup> and with the Campbell we are well positioned to sell at higher prices some electric to a data center which can in turn be used to reduce residential rates. We should put a hold on trying to move to solar as our baseload electric, because it currently lacks the reliability we need, misallocates money, and wastes our valuable Michigan farmlands and forests on solar panel fields.

We need to get local control of electric by God's grace, so we can pursue a common sense energy future. There are parts of Ottawa County already with local control of electric, and they enjoy significantly lower rates than Consumers Energy customers.

Sincerely,

Joseph Parnell McCarter

Volunteer leader, SaveTheCampbell.com

Georgetown Township, MI

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[1] <https://www.mlive.com/environment/2025/05/trump-officials-order-michigan-coal-power-plant-must-stay-open-on-eve-of-shutdown.html>

[2] <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/business/money-report/how-the-u-s-clean-energy-boom-could-go-bust-if-trumps-big-beautiful-bill-becomes-law/3753316/>

[3] <https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2033529/uk-electricity-prices>

[4] <https://manhattan.institute/article/overcoming-obstacles-in-americas-energy-grid>

[5] <https://savethecampbell.com/ottawa-county-needs-both-coal-and-gas-electric-generating-capacity-for-energy-security-and-has-the-legal-tools-to-keep-them/>

From: Joseph McCarter [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 2:16 PM  
To: Joseph McCarter [REDACTED]  
Subject: Resolution Request of Township Boards and County Board of Ottawa County

**Caution!** This email is from an external address and contains a link. Use caution when following links as they could open malicious web sites.

Dear Board Members:

Consumers Energy is indicating it will raise customer rates to keep the Campbell open in accordance with the Trump Administration executive order, when it should instead be offsetting those costs with reductions in its Net Zero agenda expenditures so that customer rates do not have to be raised. By its own admission, [Consumers Energy is spending a large sum of customers' money so it can brag about having the "most aggressive clean energy plans in the nation"](#), even though there are many warning signs that solar and wind do not provide reliable baseload and the Net Zero plan is misguided:

- The [recent power outage even in our own regional grid \(Louisiana\) due to lack of electric supply to meet demand](#)
- [MISO and NERC have been warning for many months about the dangers of the Net Zero plan of the Consumers Energy/MPSC duo along with others](#)
- [Significant technical problems with the Net Zero plan](#)
- [Skyrocketing electric costs in the UK since all coal plants and other fossil fuel plants have been closed](#)

- [Recent blackout in Spain and Portugal associated with the Net Zero agenda](#)
- [Likely loss of solar credit which is so necessary to solar energy's economic feasibility](#)

Yet Net Zero zealots Consumers Energy and MPSC refuse to cut spending on their Net Zero agenda that could more than offset the costs of keeping the Campbell open. And they refuse to let a data center use some of the electric from the Campbell and pay top dollar for it, so that residential rates for customers can be lowered.

[They have the audacity to ask for cost recovery money](#), and they blame the Trump Administration for keeping the Campbell plant open by executive order. They are buying Michigan farmlands and forests and converting them into solar panel fields which do not provide reliable baseload electric- a terrible misuse of this valuable Michigan resource. The MPSC is overthrowing local zoning control in order to carry out this misguided plan.

So we request the local Boards pass a resolution calling on Consumers Energy not to seek cost recovery from customers of costs to keep Campbell open, but instead to reduce its significant expenditures on executing its “aggressive green energy plans”, that go far beyond what Michigan law itself requires.

This resolution request we believe should be accompanied by [an exploratory committee to investigate acquiring Consumers Energy's interest in the Campbell](#), via local electric cooperatives, financed with the assistance of a data center that would utilize some of the Campbell's generated electricity, and facilitated with the assistance of the Ottawa County Board and the Trump Administration. This use of the Campbell is consistent with [the Trump Administration's National Energy Emergency executive order](#), unlike the Consumers Energy plan.

Ottawa County's local leaders can thus defend her citizens' interests related to electric public utilities as the Michigan Constitution encourages. Thanks for what you have done so far in this direction.

Sincerely,

Joseph Parnell McCarter

Volunteer leader, SaveTheCampbell.com

Georgetown Township, MI

### **Resolution 2025-13**

**WHEREAS**, Olivia Ohlman has faithfully served as a Port Sheldon Township firefighter for five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Olivia has served beyond the call of duty at any time of the day or night when summoned by her pager to preserve life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Olivia has spent many hours in training and preparedness in order to best carry out her duties for the residents of the Township and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, her commitment to the department and its mission was evident in countless hours spent training, responding to calls, attending meetings and other duties; and

**WHEREAS**, her expertise that has been passed down to fellow firefighters is invaluable;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Port Sheldon Township Board, do hereby express appreciation and gratitude for Olivia's five years of service to the community making it a safer place to work and live and wish her well in her next endeavor.

ATTEST:

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Michael A. Sabatino, Supervisor

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Meredith Hemmeke, Clerk

The above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Port Sheldon Township Board held on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION  
OF CONTRACT (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)  
AND  
APPROVAL**

This NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF CONTRACT (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL) (this "Notice") is from HALT FIRE, INC. ("Halt") and RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS OF MICHIGAN, INC. ("Reliant") to Port Sheldon Township (Customer").

**BACKGROUND:**

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2024, Halt and Customer entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Contract") for the purchase and sale of One (1) Pierce Enforcer Tanker; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract provides that Halt's assignment of the Contract is subject to Customer's approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Halt and Reliant have negotiated an agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") pursuant to which Reliant will purchase substantially all of the assets Halt uses in the operation of its business. In addition, the Purchase Agreement provides that Halt will assign to Reliant and Reliant will assume from Halt, certain of Halt's contracts and agreements, including, subject to Customer's written approval, Halt's rights and obligations under the Contract between Halt and Customer; and

**WHEREAS**, Halt desires to assign its rights and obligations under the Contract to Reliant: and

**WHEREAS**, Customer has agreed to provide its approval as to such assignment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Halt and Reliant sayeth to Customer:

**Assignment.** Subject to and at the closing of the transactions between Halt and Reliant contemplated in the Purchase Agreement, and further subject to Customer's approval, Halt will irrevocably transfer and assign to Reliant all of Halt's rights and obligations in, to, and under the Contract, including, but not limited to, any deposits of Customer held by Halt.

**Assumption.** Subject to and at the closing of the transactions between Halt and Reliant contemplated in the Purchase Agreement, and further subject to Customer's approval as set forth below, Reliant will accept the foregoing assignment of Halt's rights and obligations in, to, and under the Contract, including, if and to the extent called for in the Contract, the obtaining of a bond, and agrees to comply with all of the terms, covenants and conditions binding upon Halt under the Contract arising on and after the Effective Date.

**Effective Date.** The assignment and assumption set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be effective on the date Halt and Reliant close the transactions contemplated in the Purchase Agreement, which they anticipate to be on or before May 31, 2025, provided, however, that

Customer shall have first approved the assignment and assumption of the Contract (the "Effective Date").

**Indemnification.**

(a) Indemnification by Halt. Halt covenants and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Customer and Reliant against and in respect to any damage, deficiency, liability or loss relating to or arising from any act or omission of Halt in connection with the Contract prior to the Effective Date, including all actions, suits, proceedings, demands, assessments, losses, judgments, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees incidental to the foregoing.

(b) Indemnification by Reliant. Reliant covenants and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Customer and Halt against and in respect to any damage, deficiency, liability or loss relating to or arising from any act or omission of Reliant in connection with the Contract on or after the Effective Date, including all actions, suits, proceedings, demands, assessments, losses, judgments, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees incidental to the foregoing.

**Miscellaneous.**

(a) Binding Effect. The terms of this Notice (including the recital paragraphs in the Background section of this Notice) are true and correct, are binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto, including Customer, and their respective successors, assigns, heirs and representatives.

(b) Governing Law. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be deemed to be made under and shall be construed in accordance with and be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

(c) Entire Agreement. This Notice may not be modified without the express written consent of Halt and Reliant.

**\*\*Signature Page Follows\*\***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Halt and Reliant have caused this Notice to be executed as of the date and year indicated below.

**HALT FIRE, INC.:**

Dated: May 22, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Todd Lincoln, President

**RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS OF MICHIGAN, INC.:**

Dated: May 22, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Brett S. Krueger  
Chief Executive Officer

**CUSTOMER APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT**

Based on the above Notice and subject to the closing of the transactions contemplated in the Purchase Agreement between Halt and Reliant, Customer approves of the assignment and assumption set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above effective the Effective Date.

Dated: May \_\_\_\_, 2025.

**CUSTOMER:**

Port Sheldon Township:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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