

# MUIR VILLAGE COUNCIL

**President**

Douglas Hyland

**President Pro-Tem**

Laura Stewart

**Trustees**

Jacob Garber

Derek Kacos

Chris Ogden

Brent Piselli

Ron Vanderwerff

**Treasurer**

Jim Newman

**Clerk**

Susan Craft

**DPW Employees**

Jerrett Loomis

Dan Heckman

## March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, by President Doug Hyland
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- III. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**  
**PRESENT:** President Doug Hyland, Trustees: Garber, Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Stewart, Vanderwerff  
**ABSENT:** none  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Susan Craft, Jim Newman, Jerrett Loomis
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the agenda.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER:** none
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Garber to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- VII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/BILLS:**  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Garber to pay the bills in the amount of \$61,765.41  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Summary report given and invitation to council to attend the yearly meeting with Independent Bank on March 17, 2026.
- IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  1. Street/Water/Sewer Committee: none
  2. Cemetery Committee: none
  3. Fire & Safety Committee: none
  4. Finance/Personnel Committee: none
  5. Ordinance Committee: none
  6. Parks & Recreation/Rail Trail Committee: none
- X. **BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

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1. MDOT Resolution 2026-01:  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Stewart, supported by Trustee Vanderwerff to adopt Resolution 2026-01 MDOT Contract No. 25-5689, Job Number 217133CON by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Village of Muir, Michigan, accepting the contract and authorizing President Hyland and Clerk Craft to sign on behalf of the village.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Trustees Garber, Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Stewart, Vanderwerff and President Hyland  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
**MOTION CARRIED**
2. Voluntary Annexation Request: The request was received for the voluntary annexation of the ten acres adjacent to the west village limits. Waiting on specific lawyer paperwork to finish the steps.
3. Back Parking Lot for Park-Permit through MDNR-President Hyland discussed the plan and has applied for a Consumers Foundation Grant to help with costs.
4. Lyons Recycle letter/minutes from Lyons meeting: A letter requesting information on the cost overrun of the Recycle Station was received March 5, 2026 from the Village of Lyons in answer to a January 13, 2026 emailed letter from Muir. Minutes from Lyons January 19, 2026 council meeting were provided indicating that Lyons would not approve a cost without further information, yet Muir did not receive any request for information until March 5, 2026. Melissa Eldridge will be asked for the detail to provide to Lyons as it was not a Village of Muir grant, Muir was the facility site only.
5. Lyons Sewer Request: The Village of Lyons sent a letter asking for additional documentation for certain line items in the Shared Lagoon monthly billings. The letter said starting with fiscal year 2026-2027, which in the absence of clarification, Muir concluded to mean the billing starting July 1<sup>st</sup> which is the start of Muir fiscal year 2026-2027. Discussion was held regarding the frivolity of items asked for.

**XI. TABLED ITEMS:**

1. Cemetery Rules:  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Garber, supported by Trustee Stewart to adopt the Revised Cemetery Ordinance No. 38 and publish after lawyer review.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Trustees Kacos, Ogden, Piselli, Stewart, Vanderwerff, Garber and President Hyland  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
**MOTION CARRIED**
2. Personnel: Life and AD&D Insurance  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Kacos, supported by Trustee Piselli to add Life and AD&D to the two full-time DPW workers benefits.  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Trustees Ogden, Piselli, Stewart, Vanderwerff, Garber, Kacos and President Hyland  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- XII. DPW REPORT:** Boring contractor for the sewer force main has received keys to the gates to begin staging equipment. There is a Zoom meeting with contractors March 31, 2026 for updated timelines

and start dates. MRWA conference Tuesday through Thursday. Storm sewer repairs done on Water Street. Cemetery is receiving new posts, vinyl covers and spigots. Many water repairs in Lyons as part of mutual aid. New truck is working out well and is much more fuel efficient.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**XIV. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**XV. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Garber: none

Kacos: none

Ogden: none

Piselli: asked about park issues

Stewart: asked about junk tires for junk day

Vanderwerff: none

Newman: none

Loomis: none.

Craft: none.

Hyland: none

**XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion by Trustee Vanderwerff, second by Trustee Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Susan Craft, Village Clerk