

**FOSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 12, 2025**  
**1968 CLEAR LAKE ROAD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Shirey, Kaseman, VanGoethem, Coleman, Cooper.

Motion by Shirey to amend the agenda to include additional items. Seconded by VanGoethem. Motion carried.

Vote: Ayes – 5. Nays-0.

Motion by VanGoethem to approve the minutes of the July 08, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Shirey. Motion carried.

Vote: Ayes – 5. Nays-0. Motion by Shirey to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by VanGoethem. Motion carried. Vote: Ayes – 5. Nays-0.

Motion by Coleman to place closed session minutes to go into file. Seconded by VanGoethem. Motion carried.

Vote: Ayes – 5. Nays-0.

Treasurer report received and filed.

Sexton reported two burials and one upcoming.

Blight – None.

Commissioner's report received and filed.

Fire Chief DuPage reported 34 calls for the month: 1 structure fire with mutual aid, 23 EMS, 5 burn complaints, 3 vehicle accidents, 1 carbon monoxide call, and 1 weather-related incident.

Motion by Shirey to purchase laptop with additional software \$1,130.56. Seconded by Coleman. Roll Call: Kaseman-aye, Shirey-aye, Coleman-aye, VanGoethem-aye, Cooper-aye. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 0-nays.

Amy provided an update on the Clear Lake Firefighter Auxiliary regarding its 501(c)(3) status. She noted that the board will meet this Sunday to discuss upcoming events. Amy asked for clarification on whether event approvals should go through Daryl or the board. Some board members responded that event approvals may go through Daryl (Fire Chief).

Supervisor acknowledged that a volunteer is taking a break from the department and hopes they will reconsider and return.

Parks & Recreation- None.

Library report presented by Shirey. Report was received and filed.

Motion by Kaseman to amend the bid from Nick's Tree Service in the amount of \$1,500 and have Crys Reed complete tree removal. Seconded by Shirey. Roll Call: VanGoethem-aye, Shirey-aye, Cooper-aye, Coleman-aye, Kaseman-aye. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 0-nays.

Supervisor reported that installation of cameras at the park is still a work in progress. They are awaiting a response regarding a potential agreement to add antennas so the recorder can be located at the hall rather than in the building.

Residents expressed concerns about erosion and flooding caused by the road being built higher than the driveways and noted that the driveways are graded incorrectly. The Supervisor mentioned that the Road Commission has a meeting tomorrow and stated he will relay these concerns.

Supervisor shared correspondence regarding the Conservation District meeting on August 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by VanGoethem, to approve the bills as presented, totaling \$44,495.53. Seconded by Coleman. Roll Call: Kaseman-aye, Coleman-aye, Cooper-aye, Shirey-aye, VanGoethem-aye. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 0-nays.

Cooper said that after the special meeting, she contacted the Michigan Township Association. They said motions made in closed session need to be redone without discussion in an open meeting.

Verbal motion made by Kaseman for a verbal reprimand for Fire Chief and Deputy Chief, seconded by Shirey. Roll call: Coleman-nay, Kaseman-aye, VanGoethem-nay, Shirey-aye, Cooper-nay. Motion failed. 2 ayes, 3 nays.

Motion made by Coleman for a written reprimand for Fire Chief and Deputy Chief, seconded by VanGoethem. Roll call: Kaseman-nay, VanGoethem-aye, Coleman-aye, Cooper-aye, Shirey-nay. Motion carried. 3 ayes, 2 nays.

Motion made by Cooper to remove the Fire Chief's bank credit card until further notice, seconded by Kaseman. Roll call: Coleman-aye, VanGoethem-aye, Shirey-aye, Kaseman-aye, Cooper-aye. Motion carried. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion made by Cooper for the township to be reimbursed for gas credit card charges. Motion was not seconded; reimbursement was handled by a different method.

In public comment, a resident requested an update on the tower and its revenue. The Supervisor said the tower is not yet active; the Treasurer stated revenue is \$1,000 per month. The resident also raised blight complaints regarding two properties.

Motion to adjourn made and carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.  
Submitted by:

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Nicole Cooper, Township Clerk