

AGENDA
SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
April 8, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2026
4. Correspondence
5. Public Comments, Audience Members are allowed 3 minutes to discuss items not on the Agenda (5 minutes for groups)
6. Approval of Agenda

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A) Affordable Housing Updates
 - B) Short Term Rental Updates
 - C)

8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A) Land Division Act Amendment
 - B) Lawn Maintenance
 - C) Resolution 26-08 Introduce Ord 173 to Amend 167 – Sunset Grove
 - D) Resolution 26-09 Introduce Ord 174 to Amend 172 – Lighthouse Ridge
 - E) Resolution 26-10 Road Millage Ballot Language Approval
 - F) Resolution 26-11 Support Adoption of Brownsfield Plan – SOHA Drift Lofts
 - G)
 - H)

9. REPORTS
 - Airport
 - Building/Electrical/Mechanical
 - Building Committee
 - Fire/Ambulance
 - Library
 - Park Committee
 - Planning Commission
 - Roads
 - Senior Services
 - Water/Sewer Authority
 - Zoning Board of Appeals

10. TREASURER’S REPORT

11. BOARD COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026**

Present: Stein, Poole, Wiatrowski, Fisher, Bertorelli and Lewandowski

Absent: DeGrandchamp

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Captain Brian Montgomery was in attendance and gave a report for SHAES. Chief Adam DeBoer reported for SHPD and **Gayle Gladney** reported for the Van Buren County Commission. **Dave Rozman** from Habitat for Humanity spoke about the Home Repair Grants in Van Buren County.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Fisher, to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein pointed out that several Affordable Housing items were in New Business. Clerk Bertorelli reported that there have been six applications submitted for STR and Trustee Wiatrowski reported that there were some clarifications he would like to make to the application and both hoped that Granicus is ready to start handling more of the paperwork.

Dave Rozman from Habitat for Humanity spoke about doing a future affordable housing project in South Haven Township. Supervisor Stein reported that the township owns 7 acres that could be used for future development. He also reported that zoning changes that are in the works could help facilitate future developments. He also discussed ways to keep properties affordable in this type of development.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to support the Township Supervisor in pursuing an affordable housing plan at this location. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Fisher, to adopt Resolution 26-05 regarding LED traffic control devices and allow installation of solar lit traffic signs on the corner of 72nd Street and 16th Avenue. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Dawn Hinz was in attendance to discuss the need for road usage during a Multisport Event being held at Lake Arvesta. On May 15th a portion of 8th Avenue will need to be used for a running event from 9 to 11 a.m.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to allow, by Resolution the usage of 8th Avenue during the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 15, 2026, for a sporting event. Event planners were directed to notify residents of the event and it was

recommended they use door tags, and to direct SHPD to participate to keep everyone safe. All voted yes by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Bertorelli, to create a letter of support and send copies to all state government representation opposing the State House Bills circulating to remove local control of zoning. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Board members received a packet regarding Land Division Amendments from the Zoning Administrator. Members wished to spend more time reviewing the material and postpone any action until the next board meeting.

Clerk Bertorelli reported that South Haven Township received the Marijuana Excise Tax revenue. It was around \$162,000.00.

Lawn Maintenance contract was postponed until the April Board Meeting.

Brennon Davis from Wallick Group was in attendance to talk about the Lighthouse Ridge project and the need to reduce the Pilot amount from 4% to 1%. Supervisor Stein presented the economic impact of this request. Currently the empty fields yields about \$40.00 a year in general tax revenue in the township. With the increase in residents we will get around \$109.00 a year per resident in State Constitutional Revenue Sharing along with the 1% Pilot revenue.

Motion by Poole, supported by Lewandowski, to amend the Pilot from 4% to 1% for Lighthouse Ridge and to direct the township attorney to facilitate these changes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Diane Rigozzi of Van Buren Senior Services was in attendance to present a Donation Agreement document that needed approval for the Sunset Grove housing project.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Fisher, to approve the Donation Agreement. All voted yes by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to adopt Resolution 26-06 to introduce Ordinance 173 amending Ordinance 172 to change the language on that Ordinance for the PUD and Rezoning of Lighthouse Apartments. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. W.C. Askew was in attendance for the Road Commission. Diane Rigozzi reported for Senior Services.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Lewandowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$91,902.42. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor



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2026 Landscape Maintenance Contract

Home# (____)	Cell# (____)	Email: _____
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Mark an **X** next to the services you would like preformed

Maintenance Services	QTY	What's Included	Price
MOWING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Mowing	26	Weekly mowing, string trimming, edging (once every 3 weeks), blowing walks	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly Mowing	13	Every other week mowing, string trimming, edging (once a month), blowing walks	
YARD CLEAN-UP			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Clean-Up	1	Clean yard and beds of leaves/debris, cut back ornamental grasses. Haul away leaves/debris after clean-up is complete	\$350.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Clean-Up	1	Clean yard and beds of leaves/debris, cut back perennials. Haul away leaves/debris after clean-up is complete	\$450.00
LANDSCAPE CARE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Mulch	1	Installing new mulch in all landscape beds and redefining bed lines	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mole Control	1	Applied in spring	\$95.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Grub Preventative	1	Applied in spring / early summer	\$145.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fertilization	1	Fertilize and weed control applied to lawn	\$740.00

ACCEPTED BY (SIGNATURE): _____	DATE: _____
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***The above prices and services are hereby accepted. Moreno and Sons Inc. is authorized to perform work as specified. Either party may cancel with 30 day written notice. If payment is not received within 30 days, finance charges may be assessed each month. If payment is not received within 60 days of due date, the account will be put on hold until paid.



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Mark an X next to the services you would like preformed

Maintenance Services	QTY	What's Included	Price
MOWING			
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Mowing	26	Weekly mowing, string trimming, edging (once every 3 weeks), blowing walks	\$82.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly Mowing	13	Every other week mowing, string trimming, edging (once a month), blowing walks	
YARD CLEAN-UP			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Clean-Up	1	Clean yard and beds of leaves/debris, cut back ornamental grasses. Haul away leaves/debris after clean-up is complete	\$475.00
LANDSCAPE CARE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Mulch	1	Installing new mulch in all landscape beds and redefining bed lines	\$1,050.00
ACCEPTED BY (SIGNATURE):		DATE:	

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN
RESOLUTION NO. 26-08**

**RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR
A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of South Haven ("Township"), Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, South Haven Charter Township wishes to encourage developers to build affordable housing by accepting a service charge or payment in lieu of property taxes (a "PILOT"), as authorized by the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 356, MCL 125.1401 et seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted an Ordinance creating a PILOT for the proposed Sunset Grove Housing Development (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend the PILOT Ordinance for Sunset Grove to add the Authority as a third-party beneficiary to the Township's contract with Samaritas Affordable Living Sunset Grove LDHA LP.; and

WHEREAS, Section 20 of the Michigan Charter Township Act, Act 359 of 1947, MCL 42.1 et seq, as amended ("Act") requires each proposed ordinance be introduced in written or

printed form, identified by a number and short title and, following introduction of the proposed ordinance, requires the Clerk to publish the proposed ordinance as provided in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of South Haven, resolves as follows:

1. The Township hereby introduces Ordinance No.173, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance to Provide For A Payment In Lieu of Taxes, attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. The Township Board will consider adopting the Ordinance at a meeting on May 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Act, the Clerk is directed to publish the Ordinance in accordance with Section 8 of the Act by posting the Ordinance in the office of the Clerk and on the Township's web site. The Clerk is further directed to publish notice of posting in a form substantially conforming to that attached as **Exhibit B** to this resolution describing the purpose of the Ordinance and that the Ordinance is posted in the office of the Clerk, on the Township's web site and in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within seven (7) days of the posting.

4. A copy of the Ordinance shall be available for examination at the office of the Clerk and copies may be provided for a reasonable charge.

5. Any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN)

I, Brenda Bertorelli, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of South Haven, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 26-08, duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Board held on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**SOUTH HAVEN TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 173**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 167 TO PROVIDE FOR
A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 6

Section 6 of Ordinance is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

To the extent permitted by law and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, a contract between the Charter Township of South Haven and the Sponsor with the Authority as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described, is effectuated by enactment of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability.

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. Inconsistent Ordinances.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

Township Clerk

Dated: _____

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN

**NOTICE OF POSTING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 173
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR
A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its meeting on April 8, 2026, the Township Board received a proposed ordinance entitled “An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 167 To Provide For A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes,” which will be considered for adoption on **May 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**, at a meeting of the Township Board at the Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090. The proposed ordinance would amend PILOT Ordinance for Sunset Grove to add the Authority as a third-party beneficiary to the Township’s contract with Samaritas Affordable Living Sunset Grove LDHA LP.

The proposed ordinance is available in its entirety for public inspection. The proposed ordinance is posted at the office of the Township Clerk, 09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090 and on the website of the Charter Township of South Haven, <http://www.southhaventwp.com>.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN
RESOLUTION NO. 26-09**

**RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE
AN ORDINANCE 174 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 172 TO PROVIDE FOR
A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR DWELLING UNITS
FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILIES (LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE
APARTMENTS)**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of South Haven ("Township"), Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, South Haven Charter Township wishes to encourage developers to build affordable housing by accepting a service charge or payment in lieu of property taxes (a "PILOT"), as authorized by the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 356, MCL 125.1401 et seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted an Ordinance creating a PILOT for the proposed Lighthouse Ridge Apartments (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend the Ordinance to change the annual service charger from 4% to 1%; and

WHEREAS, Section 20 of the Michigan Charter Township Act, Act 359 of 1947, MCL 42.1 et seq, as amended ("Act") requires each proposed ordinance be introduced in written or

printed form, identified by a number and short title and, following introduction of the proposed ordinance, requires the Clerk to publish the proposed ordinance as provided in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of South Haven, resolves as follows:

1. The Township hereby introduces Ordinance No. 174, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 172 to Provide For A Service Charge In Lieu of Taxes for Dwelling Units for Low Income Persons and Families (Lighthouse Ridge Apartments), attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. The Township Board will consider adopting the Ordinance at a meeting on May 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Act, the Clerk is directed to publish the Ordinance in accordance with Section 8 of the Act by posting the Ordinance in the office of the Clerk and on the Township's web site. The Clerk is further directed to publish notice of posting in a form substantially conforming to that attached as **Exhibit B** to this resolution describing the purpose of the Ordinance and that the Ordinance is posted in the office of the Clerk, on the Township's web site and in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within seven (7) days of the posting.

4. A copy of the Ordinance shall be available for examination at the office of the Clerk and copies may be provided for a reasonable charge.

5. Any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN)

I, Brenda Bertorelli, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of South Haven, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No.26-09, duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Board held on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**SOUTH HAVEN TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 174**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN
LIEU OF TAXES FOR DWELLING UNITS FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS AND
FAMILIES
(LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE APARTMENTS)**

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 4

Section 4 of Ordinance to Provide for a Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Dwelling Units for Low Income Persons and Families (Lighthouse Ridge Apartments) entitled “Establishment of Annual Service Charge” is hereby amended to change the annual service charge in the last sentence of the section from 4% to 1% of the Annual Shelter Rent actually collected.

Section 2. Severability.

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. Inconsistent Ordinances.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

Township Clerk

Dated: _____

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN

**NOTICE OF POSTING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 174
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR
A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR DWELLING UNITS
FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILIES (LIGHTHOUSE RIDGE
APARTMENTS)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its meeting on April 8, 2026, the Township Board received a proposed ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 172 to Provide For A Service Charge In Lieu of Taxes for Dwelling Units for Low Income Persons and Families (Lighthouse Ridge Apartments),” which will be considered for adoption on **May 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**, at a meeting of the Township Board at the Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090. The proposed ordinance would amend the Ordinance to Provide for a Service Charge In Lieu of Taxes for Dwelling Units for Low Income Persons and Families (Lighthouse Ridge Apartments) to change the annual service charge in the last sentence of the section from 4% to 1% of the Annual Shelter Rent actually collected.

The proposed ordinance is available in its entirety for public inspection. The proposed ordinance is posted at the office of the Township Clerk, 09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090 and on the website of the Charter Township of South Haven, <http://www.southhaventwp.com>.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN

RESOLUTION 26-10 TO APPROVE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE
BALLOT PROPOSAL

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of South Haven ("Township"), Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following Resolution was offered by _____
_____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, the Township desires voter approval to increase the tax limitation within the Township in an amount not to exceed 1.45 mills for a period of four (4) years beginning in 2026, to provide funds for constructing, preserving, improving, mowing, repairing, and maintaining roads and ditches in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to present the millage proposal to the electors of the Township at the August 4, 2026 election; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the requested millage is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Township residents.

THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of South Haven, Van Buren County, resolves as follows:

1. The Township Board of the Charter Township of South Haven has determined that a millage is necessary to provide funds for constructing, preserving, improving, mowing, repairing, and maintaining roads and ditches in the Township; and

2. To that end, the Township Board approves the ballot language attached as Exhibit A and certifies that the proposition attached as Exhibit A shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Township at an election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

3. The Township Clerk is authorized and directed to promptly submit this Resolution and the ballot language attached as Exhibit A to the Van Buren County Clerk so that the attached millage proposal may be presented to voters at the August 4, 2026 election.

4. Any resolution inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a Regular meeting held on the 8th day of April 2026.

Brenda Bertorelli, Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN
ROAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within the Charter Township of South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.45 mills (\$ 1.45 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2026 to 2029 inclusive, to provide funds for constructing, preserving, improving, mowing, repairing, and maintaining roads and ditches in the Township? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year if the millage is approved and levied in the 2026 calendar year is approximately \$373,461.

Yes

No

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 26-11
SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN
SOHA DRIFT LOFTS, SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BY SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

At a regular meeting of the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees, South Haven, Michigan, held at the South Haven Charter Township Hall located at 09761 Blue Star Memorial Hwy, South Haven, MI 49090, on the 8th day of April 2026 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

MOTION BY: _____ SUPPORTED BY: _____

WHEREAS, South Haven Charter Township, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), has formally resolved to participate in the Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") and have designated that all related activities shall proceed through the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act, has reviewed and recommended for approval by the Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") attached hereto, to be carried out within South Haven Charter Township, relating to the development of property located at 73rd Street, Michigan (the "Site"), as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the Plan and more particularly described in the legal description of the property contained within the attached Plan; and

WHEREAS, the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees have reviewed the Plan, and have been provided with a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan and in accordance with Section 14(5) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has passed a resolution supporting the adoption of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees have made the following determinations and findings:

1. The Plan constitutes a public purpose under the Act;
2. The Plan meets all of the requirements for a Brownfield plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;

3. The proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities, as described in the Plan, was feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;
4. The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act; and
5. The amount of captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Plan is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the review of the Plan the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees concurs with the approval of the individual Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Plan Support.** Pursuant to the authority vested in the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees, by the Act, the Plan is hereby supported in the form attached to this Resolution.
2. **Severability.** Should any section, clause, or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.
3. **Repeals.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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VAN BUREN COUNTY)ss:

I, the undersigned, the fully qualified and South Haven Charter Township Clerk, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the South Haven Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of April 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature this 8th day of April 2026.

Brenda Bertorelli, South Haven Charter Township Clerk

SOUTH HAVEN AREA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES

March 18, 2026

Pursuant to Act 267 of 1976, as amended (Open Meetings Act), the Board Members of the South Haven Area Regional Airport Authority (SHARAA) met at the South Haven Area Regional Airport, 73020 C.R. 380, South Haven, Michigan on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Jon Woodhams Called a regular meeting of the South Haven Area Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Woodhams, Geneva Township, Chairman
Mary Hosley, City of South Haven
Mike Gillian, Covert Township
Fred Bower, alternate for Covert Township
Todd Jensen, South Haven Township
Ross Woodhams, alternate for City of South Haven

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Sankofski, Casco Township
Brent Nichols-City of South Haven, Vice Chairman
Julian Allen, Covert Township

- I. **Agenda:** Mary Hosley motioned to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2026, Airport Board meeting. Todd Jensen seconded this motion. **All voted in favor. The motion to approve the agenda carries.**

- II. **Public Comments:** Mrs. Goldner inquired about the status of spring cleanup and restoration efforts related to recent obstruction removal projects. Staff confirmed that the contractors are expected to return sometime in the month of April to complete cleanup and restoration, and the airport will follow-up once a specific timeframe in April is known.

Mary Hosley motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Todd Jensen seconded this motion:

Consent Agenda:

- Expenses from:
- February 2026 totaling: \$107,369.43
 - Manager's report dated: March 18, 2026
 - Minutes of February 18, 2026

A roll call vote to approve the consent agenda was taken and **all voted in favor. The motion carries.**
YEA 6 / NA 0

III. Committee Reports: NONE

IV. Old Business:

Airport Management provided a brief update on the FAA Airport Terminal Program (ATP) and requested board consideration for up to \$6,000 to conduct an Independent Fee Evaluation (IFE) with a qualified engineering firm.

After discussion on an IFE and other associated costs with the program, a motion was made by Mike Gillian and seconded by Fred Bower to not pursue the ATP program any further. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEA 2 / NA 4 The motion failed and no further action was taken.

V. New Business: NONE

VI. Member Comments: NONE

Mike Gillian moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Hosley seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at: 8:26pm

SOUTH HAVEN AREA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Jonathon Woodhams, Chairman
Brent Nichols, City of South Haven, Vice Chair
Todd Jensen, South Haven Township
Mary Hosley, City of South Haven
Ross Woodhams, alternate for City of South Haven
Mike Gillian, Covert Township

Julian Allen, Covert Township
Jim Sankofski, Casco Township
Fred Bower, alternate for Covert
Township
Nancy Kelley, Treasurer
Dan Sanborn, Secretary

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Draft

Special Zoning Ordinance Workshop 5:00pm

Call to Order: 5:00 PM

Public Comment – none

Workshop – Site Plan review and Signs

Public Comment / Commissioner Comment – none

Adjourn 6:45PM

Regular meeting

1) Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2) Role Call:

Tippman - present
Kiry – absent, excused
Odland – absent, excused
Meyer – absent, excused
Poole – present
Dibble – present
Nicol – present

Zoning Administrator: Tasha Smalley
Audience: Brad Kotrba, Williams and Works
Township residents

3) Approval of the Agenda

Tippman requested to move Staff Reports after New Business and then Unfinished Business. Motion by Poole to approve the agenda with changes, second by Dibble, 4-0 yes, motion passed.

4) Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dibble to approve the minutes as presented, of March 4, 2026, second by Poole, 4-0, yes motion passed.

5) Public Comment non-agenda items - Natalie Escandon, The Hostel on M-43; questions regarding ordinances for camping. Smalley briefly went over the current ordinance requirements and the draft ordinance. Smalley will meet with them at a later time and go over all the options. She also asked who to contact for speed limit; she was directed to call the State Police; and who to contact about the drainage after the internet company; she was directed to contact MDOT.

6) Communications / Correspondence - none

7) Public Hearing - none

8) New Business – none

9) Staff & Subcommittee report

- a. Board report – Poole – working with Habitat for Humanity on a housing project Township property on Baseline and Blue Star Hwy; official letter sent to Lansing in support MTA opposition of the state taking over local zoning issues; Land div act was amended to allow more division for parcels 10acres, the Board kicked back to PC to gather more information before amending the Township Land Division ordinance.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Tippman – no meeting
- c. Zoning report – Smalley – Site plan for May meeting, Corwell building on Phoenix; info for land div act amendments

10) Unfinished Business – Continue zoning ordinance update, Brad Kotrba, Williams and Works Draft Site Plan Review, Signs, Off-Street Parking, Site Lighting, Landscaping. All the draft sections have been reviewed by the PC. The full draft with few changes/corrections will be provided to review and finish it up.

11) Commissioner Comments and Public Comment Tippman and Trustee Dave Wiatrowski went SW Michigan Coastal Leadership Academy Workshop, Adaption Strategies for Coastal Hazards on March 31 in Bridgeman.

12) Adjournment

at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary



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April 2026 Program Update

When it rains, it pours, and it is April! We're excited to be outdoors a lot this month and all over the county with various projects and events.

Grants Received - The Michigan Department of Natural Resources awarded both grants we applied for last fall for invasive species work. We received the highest amount of grant funds for these projects of all of the applications awarded in the state. With these funds, we will provide education; survey for high priority, high impact invasive species; and train more people to find and manage invasive species.

Seasonal Employees Hired - We have hired three seasonal employees who will start mid-May to work on invasive species projects and recycling projects with the rest of the team. We are looking forward to making great impacts and providing services with these folks this summer.

Tree Sale - Leftover seedlings will be available for sale April 10 and 11 in Paw Paw (VBCD office) and South Haven (Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum). Adding these seedlings to your property encourages large scale pollinator and wildlife habitat building and adds to our community's beauty. Profits from the sale go back into our conservation efforts and programs. Shop the sale at VanBurenCD.org/Shop

VBCD Newsletter - Our subscriber newsletter is now available on our website at VanBurenCD.org/News and will be attached to these update emails going forward. We hope this helps you stay connected. As always, reach out anytime with questions, ideas, and concerns.

Emilly Hickmott

Emilly Hickmott, Executive Director

Upcoming Events (details available on [our website](#))

- Tree Sale Order Pickup & Leftover Sale | Friday, April 10 & Saturday April, 11 | VanBurenCD.org/shop
- VBCD Board Meeting | April 22 | VanBurenCD.org/About
- Electronics Recycling Event - Porter Township | Tuesday, May 5 | <https://vanburencd.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections/>
- Electronics Transfer Station Host Drop-off - Decatur | Saturday, May 9 and Saturday, May 16 | <https://vanburencd.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections/>
- Memorial Day - office closed | Monday, May 25



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- VBCD Board Meeting | Wednesday, May 27 | VanBurenCD.org/About
- VBCD at the Decatur Night Market | Friday, May 29
- VBCD Annual Meeting & Director Election | July 17 | details to be announced

Program Updates

Resource Recovery & Recycling (*Kalli Marshall, Jacob Diljak*) – Five communities have worked with us to make their drop-off centers a place that you can bring foam in for recycling year-round. You can learn more about where and how by checking out the announcement at VanBurenCD.org/foam-recycling Our 2026 collection events have been announced. This year's electronic recycling opportunities have been changed to make it easier to keep those valuable materials in the economy. VanBurenCD.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections

Outreach (*Jacob Diljak*) – Jacob worked hard to wrap up his tree sale and Food, Farm, & Fun Guide assignments. The guides will be distributed in April. He also prepared training materials and notes for the team before his last day mid-March. We wish Jacob well on his next adventure!

Agriculture & Water Quality Team (*Erin Fuller and Colleen Forestieri*) – In February, Colleen Forestieri attended the Underground Innovations Conference in Frankenmuth, MI. Colleen was invited to moderate a farmer forum and panel discussion at the conference, discussing Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) projects. In March, the team held the Farming for the Future Conference and connected with over 100 attendees about conservation practices.

Invasive Species SWxSW Corner CISMA Team (*Alex Florian and Jena Johnson*) – The CISMA team hosted our Annual Meeting, took the first major steps towards hiring our 2026 strike team crew, and attended the MISC Annual Meeting in Gaylord, MI. The CISMA team steadily chipped away at multiple projects with upcoming deadlines, and worked to stay on top of public inquiries. In terms of field work, the team stayed busy doing contracting work for Chikaming Open Lands, and began GLRI shrub management with the help of Van Buren Conservation District conservation technician, Gabe Francisco.

Conservation Technical Assistance Program: MAEAP and Regenerative Agriculture Programs (*Kyle Mead*) – The specialist continues to plug away at farm visits for assessments and verifications. As days get longer and warmer this gets easier. Kyle continues to assist the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) as they need, and is helping to put the final touches on



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VBCD's annual Farming for the Future Event as well the Regional Envirothon competition which both happened in March.

Natural Resource Technical Assistance (*Gabriel Francisco*) - This month has been dedicated to many national NRCS training, and assisting the CISMA team performing GLRI Shrub Management work. NRCS trainings for the standard Farm Bill Roll out that happens each year in February as well as training in both providing assistance to USDA Organic producers and Soil Health training regarding the new RPP (Regenerative Pilot Program) offered through the Department of Agriculture this year.

Forestry Assistance Program (*Benjamin Savoie, Barry Conservation District*) - Ben is working across nine counties, including Van Buren County, supporting our forests. Working with landowners, Ben works in the Qualified Forest Program to save landowners money and strengthen forest health.