

INLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

19668 Honor Hwy., Interlochen

Call to Order by Davis

Invocation by Davis

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call Present: Supervisor Davis, Clerk Wirth, Treasurer Zielinski, Trustee Miller, Trustee Brouwer

Public Comment received at 6:02 p.m. closed at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Move to approve agenda with corrections of date and recommendations to committees by Wirth, 2nd by Miller Ayes – All Motion carried

Approval of Consent Agenda

- o Minutes from June 10 & June 24, 2024
- o Financial Reports
- o Prepaid Bills: # 15346-15358= \$4232.28
- o Payroll: # 1001101-1001123= \$14058.89
- o Unpaid Bills: #15359- 15374 = \$8577.21

Move to approve consent agenda minus June 10 minutes and add unpaids 15359-15374= \$8577.21 by Miller, 2nd by Davis

Roll call: Ayes – Brouwer, Miller, Zielinski, Wirth Davis Motion carried

Move to approve minutes for June 10, 2024 as corrected by Davis, 2nd by Miller

Ayes – all Motion carried

Reports:

1. County Commissioner – report by Commissioner Warsecke. Commissioner Jeannot gave written report
2. Fire Chief – n/a
3. Parks & Recreation – Peggy Case asked for benches for Lamb Road Park

Move to authorize parks committee to order up to 6 benches up to \$2000 by Davis, 2nd by Miller

Roll call: Ayes – all Motion carried

4. Fire Association – n/a
5. Inland Planning Commission – Mary Miller gave report
6. Event Committee – n/a
7. Website Committee – Jim Brouwer gave update
8. Land Committee – n/a
9. Zoning/Blight Administrator – written report submitted
10. Compensation Committee – n/a
11. Board Member Reports – Jim Brouwer & Therese Zielinski gave reports regarding Maner Costerisan training

Unfinished Business

1. Playground repair – Davis reported the company would be giving a new quote, had not come in yet
2. Assessor contract – Davis reported that the contract did not arrive in time for changes before meeting

New Business

1. Fischer Propane for Bendon

Move to approve Fischer Gas for 2024/2025 heating season by Davis, 2nd by Brouwer

Roll call: Ayes – Brouwer, Zielinski, Miller, Wirth, Davis Motion carried

2. Maner Costerisan to assist with accounting & chart of accounts issues

Move to approve Maner Costerisan to help fix accounts & capture ARPA money by Zielinski, 2nd by Brouwer

Roll call: Ayes – Brouwer, Zielinski, Miller, Wirth, Davis Motion carried

Any Other Business to come before the Board Supervisor would like to get an inspector to go over buildings to see what may need to be fixed in them.

Public Comment was received at 7:11 close @ 7:17 p.m.

Adjournment Move to adjourn by Miller, 2nd by Wirth Ayes – all

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Fund 101 GENERAL FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	847,267.67
	Total Assets	847,267.67
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	(131.89)
	Total Liabilities	(131.89)
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	723,273.75
	Total Fund Balance	723,273.75
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	723,273.75
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	109,972.07
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	833,245.82
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	14,153.74
	Ending Fund Balance	847,399.56
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	847,267.67

* Year Not Closed

Fund 151 CEMETERY TRUST FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	7,543.70
	Total Assets	7,543.70
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	7,190.98
	Total Fund Balance	7,190.98
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	7,190.98
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	52.16
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	7,243.14
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	300.56
	Ending Fund Balance	7,543.70
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	7,543.70

* Year Not Closed

Fund 152 BRUNDAGE CEMETERY

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	3,109.11
	Total Assets	3,109.11
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	2,089.11
	Total Fund Balance	2,089.11
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	2,089.11
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	1,020.00
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	3,109.11
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	0.00
	Ending Fund Balance	3,109.11
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	3,109.11

* Year Not Closed

Fund 153 COUNTRYSIDE CEMETERY

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	2,183.35
	Total Assets	2,183.35
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	1,808.35
	Total Fund Balance	1,808.35
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	1,808.35
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	125.00
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	1,933.35
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	250.00
	Ending Fund Balance	2,183.35
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	2,183.35

* Year Not Closed

Fund 203 LOCAL ROAD MILLAGE FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	239,355.07
	Total Assets	239,355.07
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	134,343.06
	Total Fund Balance	134,343.06
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	134,343.06
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	104,760.97
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	239,104.03
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	251.04
	Ending Fund Balance	239,355.07
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	239,355.07

* Year Not Closed

Fund 206 FIRE FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	374,812.71
	Total Assets	374,812.71
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	0.00
	Total Liabilities	0.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	310,762.54
	Total Fund Balance	310,762.54
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	310,762.54
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	102,201.57
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	412,964.11
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	(38,151.40)
	Ending Fund Balance	374,812.71
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	374,812.71

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Fund 208 PARK/RECREATION FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
Unclassified		16,977.29
Total Assets		16,977.29
*** Liabilities ***		
Unclassified		0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
Unclassified		38,712.37
Total Fund Balance		38,712.37
Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24		38,712.37
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24		(20,494.20)
*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB		18,218.17
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year		(1,240.88)
Ending Fund Balance		16,977.29
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		16,977.29

* Year Not Closed

Fund 211 FIRE ASSOCIATION

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	26,458.08
	Total Assets	26,458.08
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	22,273.74
	Total Fund Balance	22,273.74
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	22,273.74
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	3,526.26
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	25,800.00
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	658.08
	Ending Fund Balance	26,458.08
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	26,458.08

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Fund 213 FIRE EQUIPMENT MILLAGE FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	316,795.80
	Total Assets	316,795.80
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	209,741.65
	Total Fund Balance	209,741.65
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	209,741.65
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	103,601.78
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	313,343.43
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	3,452.37
	Ending Fund Balance	316,795.80
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	316,795.80

* Year Not Closed

Fund 214 PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	32,621.39
	Total Assets	32,621.39
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	0.00
	Total Liabilities	0.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	27,197.16
	Total Fund Balance	27,197.16
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	27,197.16
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	9,445.35
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	36,642.51
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	(4,021.12)
	Ending Fund Balance	32,621.39
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	32,621.39

* Year Not Closed

Fund 216 SPECIAL EVENTS FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	6,989.42
	Total Assets	6,989.42
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	0.00
	Total Liabilities	0.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	6,569.65
	Total Fund Balance	6,569.65
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	6,569.65
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	237.81
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	6,807.46
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	181.96
	Ending Fund Balance	6,989.42
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	6,989.42

* Year Not Closed

Fund 252 WATER SUPPRESSION FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	29,601.21
	Total Assets	29,601.21
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	23,950.06
	Total Fund Balance	23,950.06
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	23,950.06
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	4,625.63
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	28,575.69
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	1,025.52
	Ending Fund Balance	29,601.21
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	29,601.21

* Year Not Closed

Fund 285 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	201,802.46
	Total Assets	201,802.46
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	201,802.46
	Total Fund Balance	201,802.46
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	201,802.46
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	0.00
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	201,802.46
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	0.00
	Ending Fund Balance	201,802.46
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	201,802.46

* Year Not Closed

Fund 402 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	54,820.16
	Total Assets	54,820.16
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	58,227.28
	Total Fund Balance	58,227.28
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	58,227.28
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	(3,996.74)
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	54,230.54
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	589.62
	Ending Fund Balance	54,820.16
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	54,820.16

* Year Not Closed

Fund 701 GENERAL AGENCY FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	1,690.20
	Total Assets	1,690.20
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	1,690.20
	Total Liabilities	1,690.20
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	0.00
	Total Fund Balance	0.00
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	0.00
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	0.00
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	0.00
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	0.00
	Ending Fund Balance	0.00
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	1,690.20

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Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
	Unclassified	102,562.16
	Total Assets	102,562.16
*** Liabilities ***		
	Unclassified	102,562.16
	Total Liabilities	102,562.16
*** Fund Balance ***		
	Unclassified	0.00
	Total Fund Balance	0.00
	Beginning Fund Balance - 23-24	0.00
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 23-24	0.00
	*23-24 End FB/24-25 Beg FB	0.00
	Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year	0.00
	Ending Fund Balance	0.00
	Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	102,562.16

* Year Not Closed

CHECK REGISTER FOR INLAND TOWNSHIP

CHECK DATE FROM 07/09/2024 - 08/06/2024

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
07/10/2024	15376	ROSE WIRTH	mileage/reimbursement	81.02
07/16/2024	15377	Catherine Stephenson	deposit refund	50.00
07/16/2024	15378	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	internet	244.96
07/16/2024	15379	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	electric bill	619.51
			election	
07/16/2024	15380	SAM's CLUB MC/SYNCB	post/supplies/FD/membership	1,958.50
07/16/2024	15381	THE PIONEER GROUP	Elections - public accuracy	51.60
07/23/2024	15382	ARTS AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	FD supplies	58.64
07/23/2024	15383	AT&T MOBILITY	FD - phones	81.16
07/23/2024	15384	CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY	hazmat fee	395.00
07/23/2024	15385	DTE ENERGY	natural gas	57.05
07/23/2024	15386	VERIZON WIRELESS	Zoning phone	53.21

101 G TOTALS:

Total of 11 Checks: 3,650.65

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Check Register Report For Inland Township
For Check Dates 07/01/2024 to 07/31/2024

Check Date	Check Number	Name		Check Gross	Physical Check Amount
07/09/2024	15375	DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	Due State	1,389.47	1,389.47
07/31/2024	1001124	BEECHRAFT , CINDY	Janitorial	400.00	342.40
07/31/2024	1001125	BROUWER, JAMES R	Board	216.75	200.17
07/31/2024	1001126	BROW , GUNNAR P.	Assessor	500.00	460.33
07/31/2024	1001127	CLUTE, EMILY K	FD	20.00	17.62
07/31/2024	1001128	DAVIS, DAVID G	Board	1,905.00	1,759.27
07/31/2024	1001129	DEW, MARI E	Bof Review	60.00	52.86
07/31/2024	1001130	FOSTER , LANDON OTTO	FD	36.00	31.72
07/31/2024	1001131	GUNDERSON , KYLE ALLEN	FD	18.00	15.84
07/31/2024	1001132	HADFIELD , KAYLA J	FD	66.00	60.96
07/31/2024	1001133	HUBBELL , ROGER C	Bof Review	60.00	32.86
07/31/2024	1001134	HUFFMAN , PAUL ALAN	PC	60.00	52.86
07/31/2024	1001135	JOHNSON , ALEX CARL	FD	664.00	568.58
07/31/2024	1001136	JOHNSON, ALEXANDER G	FD	94.00	82.82
07/31/2024	1001137	JOHNSON , MICHAEL C	FD	130.00	94.52
07/31/2024	1001138	KUZNICKI , CATHERINE M	Void	0.00	0.00
07/31/2024	1001139	MILLER, DALE T	FD	76.00	66.96
07/31/2024	1001140	MILLER , MARY E	Board	216.75	167.96
07/31/2024	1001141	ORTH , MARC JOSEPH	FD	22.00	20.32
07/31/2024	1001142	PFOST , DAYTON D	FD	2,406.00	1,910.30
07/31/2024	1001143	SKUSA , JENICE LYNN	FD	44.00	25.63
07/31/2024	1001144	SMITH, DEREK J	FD	688.00	576.12
07/31/2024	1001145	THOMAS , NELLIE M	PC	60.00	52.86
07/31/2024	1001146	TURMEL , LAURA L.	PC	80.00	70.48
07/31/2024	1001147	WADDELL, AIDEN R	FD	58.00	53.56
07/31/2024	1001148	WELLER, JAMES C	Bof Review	810.00	713.60
07/31/2024	1001149	WIRTH , ROSE A	PC Rec Sec	80.00	70.48
07/31/2024	1001150	WIRTH , ROSE A.	Board	2,000.00	1,501.33
07/31/2024	1001151	ZIELINSKI, THERESE L	Board	1,905.00	1,459.48
07/31/2024	1001152	KUZNICKI , CATHERINE M	Deputy	210.00	193.94
07/09/2024	EFT45	INLAND TOWNSHIP FOR EFTPS	Due Feds	5,690.16	5,690.16
07/31/2024	EFT46	INLAND TOWNSHIP FOR EFTPS	Due Feds	2,807.29	2,807.29
Totals:				<u>\$22,772.42</u>	<u>\$ 20,542.75</u>

Inland Township
Budget Adjustments - July 2024

Account Nbr	Account Title	Budget	Difference	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
101-101-915	Memberships	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (1,911.69)	\$ 1,915.00		\$ 4,115.00
101-101-972	Capital outlay	\$ 33,740.00			\$ (1,915.00)	\$ 31,825.00
Total Budget Adjustments				\$ 1,915.00	\$ (1,915.00)	

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: N/A

Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is a **board meeting practice that groups routine business and reports into one agenda item**. The consent agenda can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately.

- Minutes from July 8, 2024
- Financial Reports
- Prepaid Bills: # 15376-15386= \$3650.65
- Payroll: # 15375, 1001124-1001152, EFT 45-46 = \$22,772.42
- Unpaid Bills: #
- Budget Adjustment

County Commissioner Report

Art Jeannot

8-2024

- **County Administration**

- The Commissioners and staff have been working on the 2024-2025 budget. It appears we will be able to present a balanced general fund budget (revenue to expenses). As with the Townships, cost of operations in certain line items has seen measurable increases. One example is the cost of insurances to include liability and health.
- We continue to review policies looking for opportunities to update or modernize them where needed. It has been agreed we will review policies going forward with regularity.
- We have been discussing the need for a paid professional regarding Parks and Recreation as well as Economic Development. **I would appreciate any feedback you have on this subject.**

- **Other**

- The Benzie County Road Commission continues to explore the development of a new building. At the July 23rd BOC meeting they requested the County seek a ballot proposal to acquire a bond in the amount of \$18M for the November 5th election. This request was approved.
- As reported in my July memo, we are working with the airport authority to be sure the County Commissioners have a meaningful voice on decisions at the authority.

Zoning Administrator Report

July 2024

To: Board of Trustees

From: Jim Weller- Zoning Administrator

Land Use Permits For Inland Township

Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	2/ month	9/ytd
SFD Addition	1/ month	1/ytd
Accessory Building	0/ month	10/ytd
Deck/Porch	0/ month	2/ytd
New Commercial Structure	0/ month	0/ytd
Commercial Addition/Alteration	0/ month	0/ytd
Sign	0/ month	0/ytd
Solar Array	0/month	2/ytd

Land Divisions	0/month	5/ytd
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Inland Township Planning Commission

Past meetings: July 24th, 2024	1/ month	6/ytd
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Future meetings:

August, 21st 2024 @ 6:00 PM

July 2024 "Your Voice Matters!" Survey Results

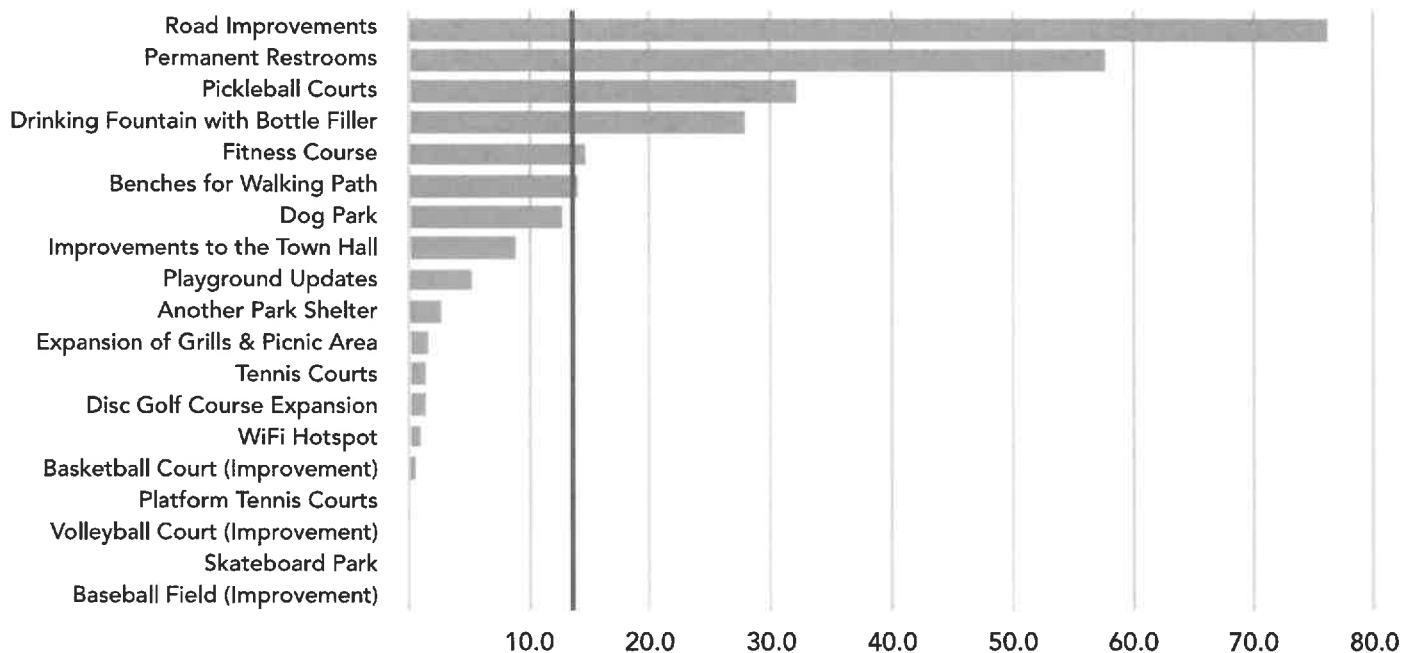
compiled and prepared by Jim Brouwer, Trustee / Submitted for the August 12, 2024 Board Meeting

This survey was sent out with the 2024 Summer Property Taxes and netted **66** responses. Unfortunately 8 responses were unusable because either more than five items were ranked or the respondent marked items with an "x" rather than a number. While too few surveys were returned to make any finding statistically significant, responses are arguably 'directionally accurate' and provide numerous helpful insights.

Just one-third of the 19 listed items stood out as being of greater than average interest to Township citizens. Most listed items received little or no widespread support. The responses were significantly different than many had anticipated based on past conversations and underscores the importance of openly discussing community needs beyond Board meetings.

Chart 1: Weighted Scores

Average 13.6



Scoring Methodology

Before examining the responses, let me walk you through how scoring was established. Respondents were asked to rank their top five priorities on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 being 'most important' (see Appendix D). The classic **inverse scoring method** was used to assign a weighted value to answers (1 = 5, 2 = 4, 3 = 3, 4 = 2, and 5 = 1). This provides the item of most importance with the highest score. These Weighted Scores were calculated as follows:

Raw Score = total points an item accumulated

The average total points collected by an item is **37.3** and **8** items scored above average.

Respondents per Item = the number of people who gave a score to any specific item

On average **11.8** respondents scored an item at some level of a priority. Only **8** items received more than an average number of respondents.

Average Score = Raw Score ÷ the total number of scored surveys (56)

The Average Score for an item provides a broad comparative analysis of the interest shown to each item. The average Average Score was **0.6** for the 19 listed items. Again, only **8** items scored higher than this average.

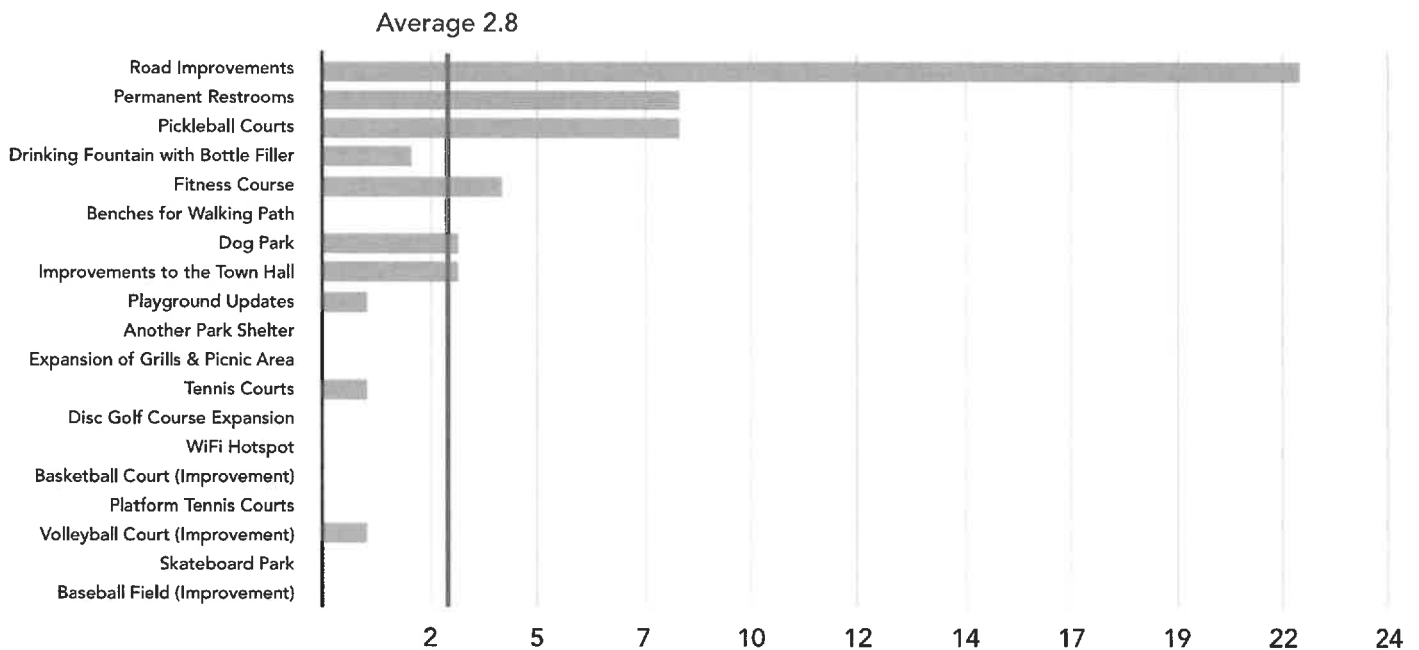
Weighted Score = Average Score x Number of Respondents per that Specific Item

Weighting the Average Score by the Number of Respondents per that Item provides insight as to how intensely an item was thought of as being a priority. Here the average Wighted Score was **13.6** and only **6 items** ranked higher than that average (see Chart 1).

Ranked as Most Important = the number of times an item was Ranked #1

One further metric provides another helpful indicator of the intensity of importance with which the community viewed an item. On average an item received **2.8** votes as being 'most important.' Interestingly only **6 items** ranked above the average and one item with a high Weighted Score was never responded to even once as being 'most important.' (See Chart 2)

Chart 2: Number of Times an Item Ranked as "Most Important" (sorted by Weighted Scores)



Appendix A provides the raw respondent scores along with the data metrics detailed above.

Survey Analysis

IMPORTANT NOTE:

While provided as a guide to examine the responses, please keep in mind that this is only one person's opinion. It shouldn't be viewed as a binding analysis nor should it be taken as any 'set in stone' conclusion on how Inland Township taxpayer money should be spent. It is presented as an individual's analysis of the survey intended as a foundation for community discussion as we explore where our priorities for future efforts should be focussed. If you have any questions, please contact me at trustee@inlandtownship.org.

#1 – Road Improvements: Weighted Score **76.1** Ranked as a Top Priority **22** times

This was by far the highest ranked item with its Raw Score alone reaching triple digits of **138**. In addition to being the item with the highest Weighted Rank, of the **32** people who weighed in on this item **22** respondents (69%) ranked it the 'most important' of their choices. Worth mentioning, all 8 of the unusable surveys indicated that Road Improvements were a priority. Several people made notes about roads in the Additional Comments section (Appendix C).

While the Township has the Local Road Millage Fund that would first go toward such improvements, what's important to note is the level of citizenry concern over this topic. There needs to be a serious conversation as to which roads need attention, what level of repair or improvement is needed, and what the price tag related to each project would likely be.

#2 – Permanent Restrooms: Weighted Score **57.7** Ranked as a Top Priority **8** times

Discounting Road Improvements which has its own Millage Fund, putting in Permanent Restrooms at Inland Park is at the top of the list of projects that should be examined in great detail. Its Raw Score of **108** with **31** people weighing in sets it significantly higher than everything else in the survey and the only other item with a raw score in triple digits.

Beside considerations of the location, design, and costs, there needs to be in-depth discussion regarding ongoing maintenance and security issues. Since plumbing will be a major part of the build, it should be easy to incorporate the #4 ranked item into this project.

#3 – Pickleball Courts: Weighted Score **32.2** Ranked as a Top Priority **8** times

The popularity of Pickleball appears to be alive in Inland Township with **22** respondents, or 36% of all surveyed expressing interest. We should investigate the cost of installing and maintaining these courts. Perhaps a good starting point would be to ask our neighboring townships how they approached installing and maintaining Pickleball courts.

#4 – Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler: Weighted Score **28.0** Ranked as a Top Priority **2** times

With the installation of Permanent Restrooms, adding this item to that project seems logical. Even if Permanent Restrooms were never installed, the survey suggests that a Drinking Fountain would be a relatively low cost / high impact improvement to the park.

#5 – Fitness Course: Weighted Score **14.6** Ranked as a Top Priority **4** times

Though its Weighted Score is only slightly above average, it handily outscores 12 of the 19 listed items and it scored as 'most important' by twice the number who want a drinking fountain. The relatively low cost of stations for fitness courses suggest that this is likely a cost efficient positive addition to the park worthy of further investigation.

#6 – Benches for Walking Path: Weighted Score **14.1** Ranked as a Top Priority **0** times
With a Weighted Score just below Fitness Course, more people actually listed it as a priority item, though nobody listed it as 'most important.' Given the cost of benches, this is likely another lower cost improvement to the park worth considering.

#7 – Dog Park: Weighted Score **12.7** Ranked as a Top Priority **3** times
If Road Improvements were removed from the calculations, the survey's average Weighted Score would drop by 3.4 points to 10.2, making Dog Park an above average item. **16** people rated this item and more ranked it as 'most important' than two other higher scoring items. In the Public Input portion of a Board Meeting several months back it was stated there was once a petition to put in a Dog Park that was signed by over three-hundred people. We should definitely look into what incorporating a Dog Park into Inland Park would involve.

#8 – Improvements to the Town Hall: Weighted Score **8.9** Ranked as a Top Priority **3** times
Though the Weighted Score was below average, its Raw Score was a bit above average and **3** respondents listed it as 'most important.' Comments suggest that most of the improvements likely fall under routine maintenance and would be covered by money from the General Fund.

Items #9 – #19

None of the remaining eleven items even reached half of the average score for any of the metric measurements. Only **3** of these low scoring items each received a single 'most important' vote. Though baseball may arguably be America's favorite pastime, such isn't the case in Inland Township. Baseball Field (Improvement) is the only item in the survey unable to receive even a single vote. Since this survey didn't go to everyone and however unlikely it is, it may be possible that our ball players were somehow overlooked.

Other:

There were several additional items offered for consideration (see Appendix B). Three are worth highlighting given their raw scores were actually higher than five of the originally listed items.

Refund [\$] to residents – returning ARPA funds to taxpayers had a Raw Score of 10.

New Floor in the Fire Station – also received a Raw Score of 10.

Paving / Improving Parking – at the park had a Raw Score of 8.

Comments:

Several respondents took the time to write additional comments. These are grouped by topic in Appendix C. These suggestions and observations are well worth reading.

Maintenance

Though some of these low scoring items would be new additions to the park, most are existing features. The lack of response doesn't diminish the fact that many are in dire need of routine maintenance. In addition to examining new features for our Park, it is clear we need to do a much better job of maintaining what we already have. Perhaps we should address those items first before adding more to the list of things to look after.

Survey Conclusions

This survey is best viewed as a good starting point for further discussions. To reiterate, while the results may not be statistically significant, they tell a story that is directionally accurate. There are several items worthy of deep investigation to see how they would impact Inland Park. These items must also take into consideration what their impact would be not only in terms of initial financial costs to Inland taxpayers, but what manpower and ongoing expense should be allocated to ongoing maintenance.

Clearly Inland residents have a lot of good ideas to offer. More than any other conclusion, results of this survey suggests that a more in-depth conversations with Inland's residents are warranted. Whether those conversations take place in the form of regular community public forums, another more detailed survey distributed to everyone (not just taxpayers), or both, the results of this survey should be viewed as a useful first step toward better communications between the Township Board and Inland Citizens. In turn, those conversations should be the basis of working toward developing a meaningful Strategic Plan for our community.

Appendix A

Survey Raw Scores, Metrics, & Averages

	Raw Score	Respondents per Item	Average Score	Weighted Score	Ranked as Top Priority
Road Improvements	138	32	2.4	76.1	22
Permanent Restrooms	108	31	1.9	57.7	8
Pickleball Courts	85	22	1.5	32.2	8
Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler	65	25	1.1	28.0	2
Fitness Course	53	16	0.9	14.6	4
Benches for Walking Path	43	19	0.7	14.1	0
Dog Park	46	16	0.8	12.7	3
Improvements to the Town Hall	43	12	0.7	8.9	3
Playground Updates	30	10	0.5	5.2	1
Another Park Shelter	20	8	0.3	2.8	0
Expansion of Grills & Picnic Area	13	7	0.2	1.6	0
Tennis Courts	17	5	0.3	1.5	1
Disc Golf Course Expansion	14	6	0.2	1.4	0
WiFi Hotspot	12	5	0.2	1.0	0
Basketball Court (Improvement)	7	4	0.1	0.5	0
Platform Tennis Courts	5	3	0.1	0.3	0
Volleyball Court (Improvement)	6	2	0.1	0.2	1
Skateboard Park	4	1	0.1	0.1	0
Baseball Field (Improvement)	0	0	0.0	0.0	0
Average	37.3	11.8	0.6	13.6	2.8

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'Other' Items Added by Respondents

	Raw Score	Respondents per Item	Average Score
Newspaper Delivered	5	1	0.1
Flea Market	2	1	0.0
Mowing & Snow for Seniors	1	1	0.0
pave park	4	1	0.1
Pave parking lot of park	4	1	0.1
fire station new floor	5	1	0.1
New floor for fire station	5	1	0.1
new floor for meeting room	3	1	0.1
parking, parking, parking	5	1	0.1
Equipment maintenance	1	1	0.0
Tornado warning siren (solar)	4	1	0.1
Air raid / Tornado / storm warning	4	1	0.1
Clean Up Day	3	1	0.1
Return said funds back to tax payers Refund to residents	10	2	0.2

Additional Comments & Suggestions Added by Respondents / Grouped by Topics

Park

- Love Inland Park (Lk Ann Rd) Consider property purchase to add trails to creek NE corner & back of existing property. Road in and out could use pot-hole repair.
- Benches and picnic tables in the playground area need upgrades.
- 18 True Holes [disc golf course].
- Able to reserve or rent [a park shelter].
- Playground Repairs [rather than updates].
- The parking [in the park] is a mess – should be graveled & grated with the road.
- A permanent restroom would save money over the long run – built similar to State Park / National Park construction. “Grant” money is taxpayer money > current national debt \$34 trillion and growing.

Roads

- Please pave Miller Road, with the campground users +/- 400 campsites, road is always tore up!
- Lamb Rd is in need of serious repair. Very broken up. Hard to walk or bike on almost dangerous.
- Reflective paint lines on edges of roads to aid in night driving. It is very hard to see the edges of the county road without the aid of painted lines or / street lights.
- Paving Fewins between Lake Ann & Reynolds
- Hulbert Road was scheduled to be asphalted in 2008. When the recession occurred it was postponed. It's about time the promise to finish Hulbert is kept — not just part of it BUT all of IT!

Building

- Fire dept floor need updated
- Meeting room & office floors carpet should be replaced
- Save the Inland Twp. hall don't sell it. Also maybe get people to keep junk cars out of sight & try to keep their yards clean

Other

- No need to find ways to spend the tax payer money. Create tax credit.
- I broke my arm in Jan 12 & signed up for help - in 9 weeks they finally had someone to help me. Too LATE. In 6 weeks my sling was removed & able to do much more. Gathering Place is too small - few places to sit.
- What is going to happen w/field on corner of Lake Ann Rd & US31?
- More household hazards waste disposal days for the community.
- The biggest need for our township is an enforceable blight law to get residents to clean up all the junk laying around highly visible in their yards.

Your Voice Matters!

As part of the ongoing revitalization efforts post-COVID, Inland Township received a \$200k federal grant (ARPA or the American Rescue Plan Act). The Township Board of Trustees wants to hear from you to help determine how to spend this money to benefit our community. Rank the items below or add ideas of your own so that we can allocate these funds by the end of 2024.

So that everyone in your household can participate, make extra copies at home or pick them up at the front window of the township office. We're eager to hear all perspectives.

What are your top five priorities for improvements to Inland Township? Rank them 1 (most important) to 5 (least important).

☐ Road Improvements

☐ Improvements to the Town Hall

Additions & Improvements to Inland Township Park:

☐ Volleyball Court (Improvement)

☐ Playground Updates

☐ Basketball Court (Improvement)

☐ Expansion of Grills & Picnic Area

☐ Baseball Field (Improvement)

☐ Dog Park

☐ Pickleball Courts

☐ Skateboard Park

☐ Tennis Courts

☐ Another Park Shelter

☐ Platform Tennis Courts

☐ Permanent Restrooms

☐ Disc Golf Course Expansion

☐ WiFi Hotspot

☐ Fitness Course

☐ Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler

☐ Benches for Walking Path

☐ Other _____

☐ Other _____

☐ Other _____

Additional Comments & Suggestions: _____

Our household subscribes to: ☐ The Record-Eagle ☐ The Record-Patriot

☐ I would like to participate in the planning and development of these improvements.

I have the following skills to contribute: _____

Optional:

Name: _____ Age _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this survey to the Inland Township Office by Monday, July 29th.

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Michigan Department of Treasury
614 (Rev. 02-24)

2024 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2024)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes

BENZIE COUNTY

Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy

INLAND TOWNSHIP

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2024 tax roll.

[illegible]

Prepared by	Telephone Number	Title of Preparer	Date
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CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President			

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**** IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).