November 2, 2026 Board Meeting

Supervisor’s Report

Krystal Truax, Township Supervisor

Three parts tonight

1

Supervisor’s Report

Second quarter budget update for fiscal year 2026-2027, plus how our elected official pay compares.

2

New Business

An overview of the five motions before the Board.

3

Discussion

NEMSA ambulance service and a proposed Emergency Services Millage.

Thank you, Bob and Jeanne



EXCLUSIVE

POLITICS

Drummond Island aims for 100% voter turnout



John Wisely
Detroit Free Press

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Groups across Michigan and around the country are spending millions trying to convince people to vote for specific candidates.

Bob Chunn is just trying to get people to vote at all.

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And everyone else who came out to our meeting.

Second quarter budget update

50.1%

General Fund, Fire and Airport

Spending through Q2, right on pace for the halfway point.

84%

Golf, Parks and Ambulance

Seasonal operations and front-loaded NEMSA payments.

44.8%

Revenue received

$429,221 of $958,600, down 1.5% from last year, mostly timing.

All funds: $569,028 spent of $935,658 approved (61%). The approved budget plans a $22,942 surplus. $22,942 surplus.

Spending by fund

Fund	Approved	Spent	% Used	Status
General Fund	$540,852	$283,309	52%	On pace
Fire Department	$70,696	$28,586	40%	On track
Ambulance (EMS)	$85,900	$63,230	74%	Front-loaded
Airport	$17,951	$5,844	33%	On track
Golf Course	$165,670	$149,851	90%	Watch
Parks & Recreation	$49,315	$38,208	77%	Watch (seasonal)
All Funds	$935,658	$569,028	61%	Within budget

Percent used is spending to date divided by the full-year approved amount. The halfway benchmark is 50%. Fire's approved amount was reduced by $5,274, an insurance surplus moved to another fund to cover insurance costs, so the all-funds total is unchanged.

Revenue through Q2

Source	Approved	Received	Note
Property tax	$460,000	$143,002 (31%)	Winter bills arrive in second half
State revenue sharing	$90,000	$15,864	$52,546 at this point last year
Emergency Tax	$41,000	$0	Received in Q1 last year
Park fees	$75,000	$60,333 (80%)	$45,163 last year
Golf Course	$140,000	$140,000	Matches full-year approved
Interest	$35,000	$9,336 (27%)	Treasurer to review
Miscellaneous	$5,000	$28,667	Includes one $27,000 receipt in Q1
Total	$958,600	$429,221 (44.8%)	$435,577 last year (-1.5%)

The $160,000 transfer from Emergency Savings for NEMSA is not included in these revenue figures.

General Fund

52%

$283,309 of $540,852

On pace for the halfway point. Spring Clean-Up and Fireworks are complete.

Lines over the approved amount

Line	Approved	Spent
Fireworks	$19,000	$20,749
Township Repair & Maintenance	$1,000	$4,716
Beautification	$8,000	$10,625
Town Hall Contract Labor	$2,000	$3,459

Still to post: Unemployment ($16,000) and the MERS 401 Plan ($8,000). ($8,000).

Golf Course and Parks

Golf Course

Watch

90%

$149,851 of $165,670

- Up 12.8% from last year at this point
- Revenue of $140,000 matches approved

OVER APPROVED

- Chemicals: $10,048 vs $8,500
- Merchandise: $9,028 vs $7,500
- Clubhouse improvements: $1,238 vs $300

Parks & Recreation

Watch

77%

$38,208 of $49,315

- Park fees: $60,333 vs $45,163 last year
- Fees exceed spending by $22,125

OVER APPROVED

- Repair & Maintenance: $3,140 vs $1,000
- Supplies: $2,398 vs $2,000
- Gas & Oil: $585 vs $500

Fire, Ambulance and Airport

Fire

On track

40%

$28,586 of $70,696

- Equipment, education and compliance purchases are still ahead
- $5,274 insurance surplus moved to another fund
- $5,000 grant match fits within the existing budget

Ambulance

Front-loaded

74%

$63,230 of $85,900

- $59,921 of the $80,000 NEMSA line is paid
- $160,000 moved from Emergency Savings for the remaining payments

Airport

On track

33%

$5,844 of $17,951

- Winter plowing and utilities are still ahead
- Lease and tie-down revenue: $433 of $4,600

Where Drummond ranks on pay

Supervisor

5th

of 15 townships

$13,211

Clerk

3rd

of 15 townships

$26,440

Treasurer

3rd

of 15 townships

$25,778

Trustees

11th

of 15 townships

$2,163

Annual pay shown. Source: Chippewa County Township Elected Official Salaries, September 30, 2026.

How the numbers compare

Position	Rank	Drummond	Average	Vs. average	Highest paid
Supervisor	5th	$13,211	$12,339	$872 over	$25,000 (Bruce, Whitefish)
Clerk	3rd	$26,440	$15,187	$11,253 over	$35,000 (Whitefish)
Treasurer	3rd	$25,778	$14,895	$10,883 over	$35,000 (Whitefish)
Trustees	11th	$2,163	$2,743	$580 under	$6,526 (Dafter)

The survey flags several townships as statistical outliers, including Drummond Island for Clerk and Treasurer. Treasurer. Townships differ in services, population and use of deputies, so rankings are a reference point, not a point, not a standard.

Confidence in local democracy

85%

of Michigan local officials say democracy is functioning well in their their own communities.

2024	2025	2026
79%	82%	85%

At the state level, 33% say democracy is working well.

Source: Michigan Public Policy Survey, Spring 2026, University of Michigan Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (October 2026 brief).

Sneak peek: our 2027 focus

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Recreational Spaces and Opportunities

Music and festival venue
Convert the existing fenced baseball field at the dog fields.

Small dog park area
A dedicated space for dogs at the same site.

Dedicated parking
New parking along Court Street.



The site today: the existing fenced baseball field off E Court Street.

Why share it now: a head start on planning, financing and community partners.

The concept: a community music venue



Concept illustration, not a final design.

Pavilion and stage
Open-sided, facing the back of the venue.

Open event lawn
Concerts and a fall festival.

Dog park
Fenced and separate, with a gate on Court Street.

Parking and trail
One row of gravel parking on Court Street, plus a future bike path.

Five motions before the Board

a **Board of Review appointments**

b **Land Division Policy and Application amendments**

c **FEMA SCBA grant ratification and Bids and Quotes Policy amendment** for federal grant funding

d **Resolution establishing an Area of Historical Significance**

e **Trustee appointment** to fill the vacancy left by Kevin Kruzel

Board of Review appointments

APPOINTEE

Ken Malone

APPOINTEE

Jerry Newell

APPOINTEE

Ivan Gable

THE MOTION

Approve the appointments of Ken Malone, Jerry Newell, and Ivan Gable to the Board of Review.

Land Division Policy and Application

Who proposed it

The changes come from the Township Assessor.

Fee per child parcel

$100 goes to the assessor. The Township keeps the rest for its time.

Investigative fee

Triggered when a division is conveyed, not when it is recorded.

THE MOTION

Approve the amendments to the Land Division Policy and Application as presented. Every proposed change is marked in red in the draft.

FEMA grant and Bids and Quotes Policy

$110,000

FEMA grant to Drummond Island Fire & Rescue

Replaces aging SCBA units.

Ratify the acceptance

Clerk Amanda Fairchild accepted the award in FEMA GO. The Board ratifies that acceptance.

Amend the Bids and Quotes Policy

Adds federal procurement requirements for purchases made with federal grant funding.

THE MOTION

One motion approves both and puts the Board’s approval on the record for the two required certifications.

Area of Historical Significance

Recognizes what remains of the original town without adding restrictions for property owners. This is not a historic district.

Boundary

Pine Street, to the base of Somes Hill, to Water Street, stopping at the museum.

Includes

An old barn, the oldest homes left standing, and the original town area.

Background

Reviewed with the historical society. The last item of the 2026 Focus Five.

Trustee appointment

Nov. 1

Trustee Kevin Kruzel's resignation takes effect, leaving a vacancy on the Board.

Nov. 2028

The vacant seat's term November 2028.

45 days

The Board's appointment window, which started October 31, 2026.

THE MOTION

Appoint a trustee to fill the vacancy for a term ending November 2028.

NEMSA ambulance service

$20,000

Township share each month

For 24/7 ambulance service, paid from savings.

$160,000

Moved from Emergency Savings

Covers the remaining NEMSA payments this fiscal year.

+$50,000

NEMSA’s request for more

A one-time payment.

- Drummond Island is the only NEMSA township without a millage for ambulance service.
- NEMSA is asking for more because insurance reimbursements are slow.

Paying for ambulance service over time

Now

The Township pays $20,000 a month from savings.

Spring 2027

Proposed special election on a Township millage.

Winter 2027

Millage is levied on winter 2027 taxes.

2028

County-wide NEMSA millage vote, moved from 2026.

Winter 2029

County millage collection begins winter 2029 taxes.

The county vote was pushed from 2026 so other townships' millages can expire first. A Township millage would bridge the gap until then.

Proposed Emergency Services Millage

What it would cover

- The Township's NEMSA ambulance share, $20,000 a month
- Fire department operating costs, about $90,000 a year

How it would work

- Special election in spring 2027
- Levied on winter 2027 taxes
- Drops to fire-only once the county NEMSA millage passes

MILLAGE RATE

[To be determined]

ALSO PLANNED

Roads and Library renewals go on 2028 ballots so Headlee does not roll them back early.

Tonight: Board feedback. Next: ballot language and a resolution.

Moving Forward Together

Thank you. Questions and discussion.