

Corridor Improvement Authority

03/02/2026

Keeler Township Hall

Chairman Rod Pletz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Members present: Don Blackmond, Pat Hickey, Harold Schaus, Mike Spain, Rod Pletz, Vicky Pletz and Tom Neary.

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 01/05/2026 by Pat Hickey. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed.

Chairman Pletz stated that he has not received a financial report. The general fund stands at \$230.75. The Michigan class account has \$88,856.69 and has accumulated additional interest. No outstanding bills. No new correspondence.

Chairman Pletz asked about an update for the Greater Sister Lakes Business Association sign on the La Perla property.

Pat Hickey stated that he visited Creative Vinyl And asked for a quote on a 4' by 6' digital sign to be placed on the existing post. He has not received a quote.

Chairman Pletz asked about zoning compliance. Pat Hickey said they had from his understanding a 4' by 6' digital sign on the existing post would be acceptable to the zoning administrator.

Don Blackmond asked to revisit the bills and claims as two bills came into the Township from the Van Buren County Road Commission. One bill was for the painting of the shared lane markings or sharrows and another was for maintenance on a pedestrian sign on CR690. \$3000 for the sharrows has been voted on and approved but the funds may not have been distributed because of the delay in painting the signs in the spring. The other bill was for \$319.07 for maintenance on the LED sign the kind of on County Road 690 between M152 and 95th Ave. A motion was made by Pat Hickey and seconded by Mike Spain to pay the \$319.07 bill. A roll call vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Discussion about whether the \$3000 commitment from the Corridor Improvement Authority has been paid to the Township. A motion was made by Mike Spain and seconded by Pat Hickey that \$3000 should be paid to the Township for the CIA portion of the Sharrow bill contingent on not having been paid previously. A roll call vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about using the same vendor for lawn mowing at the leased property, Ernie New, at \$100 per mow. A motion was made by Mike Spain seconded by Vicky Pletz to retain Ernie New for lawn mowing. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about extending the fence at the leased property. The Northeast post needs to be moved West because it extends into the property of the owner to the east. That issue was tabled.

Discussion about applying for the recreational grant. The Corridor Improvement Authority does not have the organizational structure to be able to apply for the grant. Keeler Township would have to apply for the grant for the Corridor Improvement Authority. A resolution needs to be passed by the Keeler Township board to allow the Treasurer and Supervisor to oversee the grant. Discussion about the future of the corridor improvement authority. Discussion about the need to fill two empty board seats. Don Blackmond stated that he would put representatives of the CIA onto the Township board meeting agenda as guests.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 7:37pm. Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Tom Neary made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed unanimously

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is April 6, 2026.