

TOWN OF JEFFERSON

JANUARY 2026 TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Jefferson was **called to order** at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2026, at the Juda Community Center. In attendance were Rick Nusbaum, Kurt Jordan, Amy McCullough, Nathan Weber, Joe Jones, Will Burchard, June Kelly, Tom Zimmerman, Ron Schwartzlow, and Doug Mayer.

Rick **verified notices had been posted** at the Juda Post Office, the Juda Community Center, and at the Recycling Garage. A notice was also published on the Town of Jefferson's website.

For **public input**, Ron Schwartzlow explained the petition that he, Tonya Gratz, and others have been working on to designate an area in the county as an Agricultural Enterprise Area. Most of the AEA is in Decatur Township, but it does include some land in the Town of Jefferson. The Farmland Preservation program would only be available to those within the boundaries of the AEA. As part of the petition, the group has requested the board's approval or disapproval of the AEA boundary in the Town of Jefferson by signing a resolution. This resolution will be discussed, and the board will act on it at the regular February town board meeting.

The **Clerk's report** was reviewed with Kurt making a motion to approve. Nathan seconded and the motion carried. In other correspondence:

- Town of Jefferson Audit – February 6, 2026
- The Road Commissioner contract was discussed and signed.

The **Treasurer's report** was reviewed, noting cash on hand as of December 31, 2025, at \$680,007.97. Kurt made a motion and Nathan seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Town of Jefferson's **recycling ordinance** needs to be updated by April 30, 2026. After some discussion, the board decided to table discussing the updates until the February meeting.

There was nothing to report for **planning commission**.

For **road maintenance**, Joe has been trimming trees and replacing signs. The township will rent a telescoping mower from M & D for a few days to mow brush in the ditches and on the banks. There were no driveway permits to report.

The **bills** were circulated through board members. Kurt made a motion and Nathan seconded to **approve payment of bills**. Motion carried.

The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The **meeting was adjourned** on a motion by Nathan and a second by Kurt. Motion carried.

Rick Nusbaum - Chairman

Amy McCullough – Clerk/Treasurer