



Expenditure Approval & Post Audit Policy

The board is required at each regular meeting to audit all claims against the township presented for payment and authorize the payment of all allowed claims. Payments authorized by the township board shall be paid by the treasurer on an order signed by the township clerk. Accounts approved shall be filed and preserved by the township clerk. (MCL 41.75)

Each board member must have the opportunity to review or audit the documentation for any payment prior to voting to approve it. Board members must look for proper authorization for the expenditure, including board votes to authorize the actual expenditure (not simply inclusion of the item in the budget), original bills or purchase orders with purchase officer approval, receipts or logs for reimbursement, receipts for credit card statement items, correct Chart of Accounts numbers, and payee information.

Every payment of any kind (including payroll) leaving the township—with the sole exception of the current-year tax collection disbursement account—must be voted on by the board before being disbursed unless an exception is granted under this policy.

All claims shall be approved by the township board prior to payment, except the following:

- 1) Payroll (election workers, sexton wages, etc.)
- 2) Utility bills (phone, electric, fuel, etc.)
- 3) Invoices with penalties or discounts that would be incurred if payment is not received prior to the board meeting where claims will be approved (identify specifically)

These claims shall be post-audited at the next board meeting following their issuance and the township board must still vote to approve all those payments at the next meeting.

The Township Supervisor may authorize emergency expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.00 when deemed essential due to the imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the township and must notify all Board members within 24 hours of the expenditure and must be post-audited at the next regular meeting.

The foregoing policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees



Dawn Webb, Clerk

Date: 9/14/21