

Elmwood Township Board of Trustees
64387 Lincoln Street
Gagetown, MI 48735

August 19, 2026

Dear Township Board Members,

For the past 20+, it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve Elmwood Township and the people who call it home. I have given my time, my energy, and my deepest commitment to this role, because I truly believe in the importance of local government and our community. Together, we have seen challenges, celebrated successes, and worked tirelessly – often behind the scenes – to maintain a peaceful community.

Today, however, our township finds itself in a time of great contention. The division, mistrust, and constant conflict have taken a toll on this board and our township. I am hopeful that this community can one day return to a place of respect, collaboration, and shared purpose. But at this time, with a heavy heart, I submit my resignation from my position as Supervisor of Elmwood Township, effective immediately.

Please know that this decision has not been easy for me to make. I leave with gratitude for the relationships I've built, the friendships, I will always cherish, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference, however small, over these two decades.

I am so proud that our community is able to support and maintain a highly respected fire department, in Tuscola County. It's been an honor helping to get the fire department where we're at today. I feel that it's important to have a good fire department that serves Elmwood Township. Over the years, the board has always been supportive in many ways to the department. As supervisor and a fellow member of this community, I honor and respect every member of the Elmwood Township fire department and I would like to thank each and every

member for giving up their time and energy away from their families and risking your lives for this Township and surrounding areas.

I will do everything I can do to help the township board move forward. My door will always remain open, and my phone will always be on. Representing the people of this township is not an easy undertaking. The people on this side of the table have worked very hard to get here, and I know that all of them have the greatest intentions of looking out for all of Elmwood Township. Lastly, veteran to veteran, I would like to acknowledge Cheryl Kilbourn, Tom Lounsbury, Bill LaFave and Nancy Laskowski. We have had a lot of experiences together, good and bad, we have worked with good people and some, not so much. But, we have always looked out for what is best for this township. I would like to especially thank Cheryl, it has been a privilege to serve with her on this board, we've have been through a lot, thick and thin. We have been through a lot of crap together, but we are a good team.

I am so happy that I can say that Elmwood Township is and will be left in good hands. Sometimes in life we have to make sacrifices.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me all of these years. It has been a privilege.

With sincere regret,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Graff', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Chris Graff
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