

**MELLEN TOWNSHIP
MENOMINEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Resolution Number 2025-01

**Resolution to adopt 2025
Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test Policy
(P.A. 206 of 1893 as amended by public act 253 of 2020, mcl 211.7u)**

At a meeting held on the 6th day of March, 2025 by the Township Board of the Township of Mellen, located at W5631 Co Rd 342 Wallace, MI, the following resolution was offered by Township Board Member Sarah Krysch and Seconded by Member Tim Starzynski

Whereas, the Township of Mellen, Menominee County, MI is aware that according to PA 253 of 2020; and

Whereas, the Township Board is required by Section 7u of the Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 as amended by Public Act 253 of 2020 to adopt such guidelines .

Whereas the Township is aware that a poverty exemption can only be given to an individual homeowner for his/her "principal residence" as used in Michigan Statute MCL 211.7s. Poverty is to be determined by the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as published on January 1 of each year.

Whereas the Township is aware that the individual must provide the necessary information to eligible for the Poverty Exemption.

Whereas the Township of Mellen, Give the Board of Review the right to determine is said individual is eligible according to the Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia as published b the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Being said resolution was offered and seconded, a roll call vote was held

	Yea	Nay
Supervisor Philipps	<u>X</u>	_____
Clerk Thoune	<u>X</u>	_____
Treasurer Krysch	<u>X</u>	_____
Trustee Corey	<u>X</u>	_____
Trustee Starzynski	<u>X</u>	_____

The Supervisor declared the motion SK and the Resolution TS this 6 day of March 2025

Mellen Township Guidelines & Asset Test for Poverty Exemption Claims

The Board of Review shall follow the guidelines as set forth. The guidelines shall include the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household as expressed below.

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with all documentation required as of the date of the Board of Review session which is being applied to. Such documentation shall be filed with the supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the current or immediately preceding year.
3. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
5. Meet the federal poverty income level as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
6. Meet additional eligibility requirements such as the value of all assets not exceeding \$8,000. Such assets include non-agricultural property, a second car, recreational and sports equipment, stocks, bonds, or other investments and any other similar assets.
7. Follow provisions of Public Act 390 of 1994.

All claimants who meet the guidelines as specified receive a poverty exemption of 100%.