

Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan MI 49010
April 10, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:59 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Joe Yearous, Kevin Travis, Mary Ann Baker

Absent: Tera Davis, Michelle Harris

3. AGENDA:

Clerk Baker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Trustee Yearous second all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes, Clerk Baker second, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve the budget meeting minutes, Clerk Baker second, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve the election commission minutes, Clerk Baker second, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$11,259.47, Clerk Baker second, all in favor, motion carried.

6. TREASURER REPORT:

Not presented

7. REPORTS:

a) PLANNING COMMISSION:

The commission voted to move their meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. New secretary is Ashley Yearous. The commission made language changes to the ordinance concerning accessory buildings.

b) MARTIN FIRE DEPT.:

Martin Fire Department had a total of 10 calls for the Watson township area 4 of those were medical.

c) SEXTON:

Mr. Simpson has a cremation coming up in Minor Cemetery. The weather hasn't improved enough to start any of the projects.

d) LIBRARIES:

The Martin and Hopkins libraries have different activities available information can be found on their website. Martin library has completed their remodel and has a new activity room.

e) COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Dale Dugan gave a report of the commissioner's meeting of March 13, 2025. The county clerk/register of deeds office gave their annual report. The water study group gave their final report. Allegan county medical care community facility discussed the scope of their renovations cost of and ways to pay for it. Their website will contain more information.

f) CODE ENFORCEMENT:

There are currently 11 open cases.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:26 p.m. A citizen asked about benches being placed. The park has some nice overlooks along the trail for benches.

Closed at 7:27 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. CLOSE OF CONSTRUCTION FUND AND ROLL INTO GENERAL FUND:

No motion made will move until the next meeting.

b. ROLL OVER HUNINGTON ACCOUNTS TO UNITED BANK:

No motion made will move until the next meeting.

c. PENSION FUND:

No motion made will move until the next meeting.

d. PARTNERING WITH MONTEREY AND HOPKINS FOR EARLY VOTING:

No motion made will move until the next meeting.

e. PDF WRITER/EDITOR FOR CLERK:

Motion to purchase Fox It administrative console for \$129.99/year made by Trustee Yearous, second by Supervisor Travis, all in favor, motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. WAEMS Amended Agreement

Yankee Springs has decided to change to Thornapple-Kellogg emergency medical service group. Our current agreement will need to reflect that change in the current members now in the WAEMS. Supervisor Travis made a motion to pass this new amendment, Trustee Yearous second, all in favor, motion carried.

b. BEAD letter of support

The neighbors who due to costs were just too far out of the service area of the internet cables being laid down. BEAD is a way to get service to them as well. They are asking townships to sign a letter of support. Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve supporting BEAD. Trustee Yearous second, roll call vote: Clerk Baker yes, Trustee Yearous yes, Supervisor Travis yes, Resolution 04102025-1 passes.

c. Accessory Building Size Limitation Amendment-from PC

An amendment made by the planning commission to clarify the amount of square footage allowed for accessory buildings based on total lot size and setbacks from the property line for detached accessory buildings. Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve ordinance 04032025 second made by Supervisor Travis, roll call vote: Clerk Baker yes, Supervisor Travis yes, Trustee Yearous yes, Ordinance 04032025 passes.

d. **Bid for 12th St. repaving budget amendment**

The bid came back for road work and will require an amendment to the budget. Trustee Yearous made a motion to amend the budget by transferring an additional \$117,000 to road construction/repair fund making the total \$357,000, second by Clerk Baker, all in favor motion carried.

11. **Adjournment**

Trustee Yearous made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Clerk Baker, all in favor motion carried. Adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson township clerk