

WATSON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
1895 118th Ave. Allegan MI 49010
May 1, 2025

1. CALL ORDER: 6:57 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Joe Yearous, Tera Davis, Kevin Travis, Mary Ann Baker

Absent: Michelle Harris

3. AGENDA:

Motion to approve the minutes made by Treasurer Davis, second made by Trustee Yearous, all in favor, motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Treasurer Davis second, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to approve the bills as amended was made by Trustee Yearous, second made by Clerk Baker made a motion to approve the report as amended, Trustee Yearous second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

6. REPORTS:

a) PLANNING COMMISSION:

The commission continued to discuss the verbiage about the current ordinance made to accessory buildings.

b) SUPERVISOR-Allegan Housing Seminar

Supervisor Travis gave a synopsis of the seminar. The county reported that it is 6500 homes short. They discussed different ways to remedy the housing from tiny homes to managing the brownfield to have development on. Supervisor said he brought up the requirement of the water needed by all this development. It was an aspect that they hadn't addressed.

c) FIRE DEPT.

NO REPORT

d) SEXTON

One cremation/burial in Hicks Cemetery, the two footings in Miner that needed repair are fixed. He has all the flags and will be put on the graves by Memorial Day.

e) LIBRARIES:

No Report

f) COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Dugan reported on the April 24, 2025, meeting. The drain commission submitted their annual report. The commission approved a sir tax for the central dispatch. They passed a resolution opposing state run P.H.I.P. program, preferring the current regional districts. More information can be found on the county website.

g) CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to allocate \$10,000 from the general fund to the cleanup account 101-266-806.0. Trustee Yearous discussed how the township would recoup the cost. The property owner would have it added to their tax bill. Second made by Treasurer Davis, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Travis made a motion for the Code enforcement officer to pursue a judgement order against the property owner. Trustee Yearous seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:23 p.m. and closed at 7:23 p.m.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Close of construction fund and roll into general fund

This is at United Bank and general funds are at Huntington Bank, this will have to wait.

b) Roll over to Huntington accounts to United

Treasurer Davis made a motion to switch all bank accounts to United bank and close out the Huntington accounts. Supervisor Travis second, all in favor, motion passed.

c) Pension Fund

No report

d) Partnering with Monterey and Hopkins for voting

Megan Frank, the Monterey clerk, gave an informative talk about joining them for early voting. It would save the township money. The board wouldn't have to make a decision until 2027.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Clayton Bates-Nulty Insurance

No report

b) Troy McKenny-Five Star Realty (buyer's agent for Watson township re: 2020 16th St.)

Supervisor Travis made a motion to retain Troy McKenny as a buyer's agent in regard to 2020 116th St. Trustee Yearous second, all in favor, motion carried.

c) New auditor

Rehman has decided not to be our auditor, so we are currently waiting for a call back from a couple of different companies.

10. BOARD ROUND TABLE:

Continued discussion about housing seminar.

11. Adjourn:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Davis second, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson Township Clerk