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Watson Township Board Meeting

1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010

August 7, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Michelle Harris, Joe Yearous, Tera Davis, Kevin Travis, and Mary Ann Baker

**AGENDA:**

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Trustee Yearous second, all in favor, motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

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

**BILLS:**

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $54,802.60, Treasurer Davis second, all in favor, motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Submitted for the record.

**JUNE BUDGET REPORT:**

The cost of printing and mailing tax bills are entered into line-item board supplies. Supervisor Travis made a motion to create a new line-item under the treasurer’s department for such expenses. $4,000 will be allocated from the general fund, Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Opened at 7:09 p.m.

A resident was curious about Big lake’s water level as it appears lower currently.

Mr. Schmitt had a test well put on his property and wanted to discover the results. He lives near the dump which tested positive for PFAS and is currently on the state’s registry. The results should be on the county health department’s website. Supervisor Travis will send him the results.

Closed at 7:18 p.m.

**REPORTS:**

1. **PLANNING COMMISION:**

Mr. Vandyke’s request for a special use permit for a farm accessory building was approved. Chair Brad Stalker tendered his resignation. The board is looking for another member to fill his term.

1. **ORIDANCE ENFORCEMENT:**

Eight open cases.

1. **WAEMS UPDATE:**

No report

1. **SEXTON:**

Mr. Simpson reported fixing two footings in Hicks cemetery.

1. **LIBRARIES:**

No Report

1. **COUNTY - GALE DUGAN:**

Reporting on July 24, 2025, Judge Bennett was sworn in as the new district court judge. Approved state emergency aid fund. The county gave the template to the damaged areas of Martin, Wayland, from the tornado. Marsha Kerber was appointed as the head of the mental health, On Point. More information can be found on their website.

1. **FIRE UPDATE:**

The Martin Fire Department reported year to date forty-one calls for Watson. The department has been approved for a new fire truck. The department had grain rescue training that was successful and utilized by other departments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **PENSION FUND:**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **VETERAN’S MEMORIAL FUND:**

Supervisor Travis made a motion to create a special veteran’s memorial fund with a separate and distinct bank account from the general fund account. Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion passes. This will make sure any donations or grant money is used for the purpose specified.

1. **PLANNING COMMISION:**

No appointment to replace Brad Stalker

1. **PARKS COMMISION:**

This would be an advisory board for the park. The board would welcome public comment and work with updating by laws and resolutions. Currently, looking for interested people.

**BOARD ROUND TABLE:**

**PARK UPDATE:**

The week of 8/11 complete subgrade undercut & CIP sand and gravel. Begin decel lane construction.

The week of 8/18 pour concrete curb, pavilion footings & concrete slab at the end of the HMA path.

The week of 8/25 haul off excess site spoils & preform all site HMA paving.

The week of 9/1 complete site spoils export.

The week of 9/8 mass site final grading & prep for seed.

Currently scheduled for the pavilion to be delivered the week of 10/20.

Planning a Park opening ceremony for November 8th or 9th. Details will be announced later.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisor Travis made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion passed.

Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson Township Clerk