

Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
December 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA:

Trustee Harris made a motion to amend the agenda by adding fire barn cleaning to new business item d. Supervisor Travis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES:

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

BILLS:

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$22,006.48, Clerk Baker second, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Davis presented the report on the current balance of accounts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:04 p.m. Closed at 7:04 p.m.

REPORTS:

a) PLANNING COMMISSION:

No Report

b) ROAD COMMISSION:

The road commission is having a public meeting on January 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Updates and information on the primary road mileage will be discussed.

c) ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

Seven open cases and one closed

d) SEXTON:

No Report

e) LIBRARIES-HOPKINS/MARTIN

No Updates

f) COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Dugan reported on their November 13, 2025, meeting. They had employee recognition for Detective Dave Ashton for his 23 years of service. They went through the budget policy. They also discussed Brownfield expansion. More information can be found on their website.

g) FIRE UPDATE:

First responders are now being certified to the next level B.L.M.S. Cardiac level treatment. Watson had 49 calls last month. Tim Holmes has been promoted to first captain. Several applicants have applied for the second captain position. Hopkins has

three probationary fire fighters. Countywide nearly all fire departments have signed onto MABIS. Mutual aid, this allows more resource sharing without the high cost. Allegan county may become a regional hub because of the large number of participating departments.

The department is currently operating within the current budget. Next year's budget will seek a 2.8 % to 4% increase due to cost of living and higher costs. Engine 952 is back in the shop because of being hit by a car during a call.

WAEMS was looking for a new supervisor, they selected Trevor Bieby. The new service agreement will require 90-day notice to leave the contract. If a township leaves before the contract has been paid fully the township will be required to pay the full amount due. Watson's portion of the cola is the smallest amount. The vital care the program will raise the rate to \$65.00 per year with a fourth year free.

Supervisor Travis made a motion to add the Wayland budget to the agenda item e. Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) ROTTEN TREE

Supervisor Travis made a motion to allow Randy Plaunt to go onto township property to cut up downed tree for firewood. Treasurer Davis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

b) HOPKINS DDA-request for aide.

Board will put this on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) WAEMS 4th AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the 4th amendment to interlocal agreement under the urban cooperation act to establish a new public body corporate to provide ambulance service, Roll Call vote: Trustee Harris yes, Trustee Yearous yes, Treasurer Davis yes, Clerk Baker yes, Supervisor Travis yes, all in favor, motion passed.

b) AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICE

Clerk Baker made a motion to approve the agreement for election services between Monterey, Hopkins, and Watson Townships in Allegan County MI. Trustee Harris seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

c) FIFELSKI PA 116 applications:

PA 116 applications for parcel numbers: 23-005-017-00, 23-005-003-01, and 23-004-007-00. Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve PA116 for the aforementioned parcels. Trustee Yearous supported, all in favor, motion passed.

d) FIREBARN CLEANING:

Trustee Harris made a motion to have the fire station bathroom and classroom cleaned every two weeks for \$25.00 on the instances where the hall is not being cleaned during this time frame. Supervisor Travis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

e) WAYLAND BUDGET:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve Watson township's portion of the Wayland ambulance agreement in the amount of \$14,836.20. Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

BOARD ROUND TABLE:

Trustee Harris suggested updating the website and next year's newsletter to reflect the new cost for vital life.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried, Adjournment 7:57 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson Township Clerk