

Watson Township Board Meeting  
1895 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. Allegan, MI 49010  
March 5, 2026

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Michelle Harris

**AGENDA:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Treasurer Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Trustee Yearous seconded, all in favor motion passed.

**BILLS:**

Trustee Yearous made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of 150,023.76, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Davis reported on the current balances of the township's accounts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Opened at 7:01 p.m. A resident asked about when the B.O.R. was meeting and who to contact. Closed at 7:03 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ACTION OF ALLEGAN COUNTY:**

CAAC came to voice their concern for seniors as the Board of Commissioners voted to replace them with Meals on Wheels of Kent County. They had many petitions from current seniors in support of CAAC. They were attending all the township meetings to gain support for a resolution to reinstate their services.

**JUDGE CHRISTOPHER BURNETT:**

He is running for 57<sup>th</sup> District court, he was appointed by the Governor to fill this position. He gave his Bio and invited anyone to his court to observe him.

**REPORTS:**

a) **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The commission approved meeting dates for 2026-2027.

b) **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No Report

c) **SEXTON:**

One full burial at Miner.

d) **LIBRARIES -HOPKINS/MARTIN:**

Check their website or social media for their current calendar of activities.

**e) COUNTY COMMISSIONER:**

Commissioner Dugan reported on several meetings. The board voted to accept the commission on aging recommendation to accept the bid from Meals on Wheels of Grand Rapids. Tera Wheeler was honored for her 26 years of service to Allegan County. More information can be found on their website.

**f) CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Eight open cases, one case may proceed with executing judgement order as no response from property owner.

**1) Gravel pit permitted routes:**

Seasonal weight restrictions (Frost law) are in effect. Gravel trucks were using any roads and not following certain routes. Jim is waiting for the road commission to verify the routes, weight and speeds allowed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) HOPKINS DDA-BLUE AND WHITE PLAYGROUND-REQUEST FOR AID**

The Board will discuss this at the Budget meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) VOIP PHONES:**

The current phone system is not working consistently as the technology is older and not compatible with the newer technology. The board received a quote to replace four phones and one wireless, along with labor and installation of \$1,398.77. Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the VoIP phone system by spending \$1,398.77, Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**b) MEETING DATES FOR 2026-2027**

Supervisor Travis made a motion to accept the first Thursday of every month thru April 2027, Trustee Yearous supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**c) RECYCLING DATES:**

Spring cleanup will be May 9, 2026, and fall cleanup October 3, 2026. Treasurer Davis made a motion to accept the dates of May 9, 2026, and October 3, 2026, as the two recycle dates. Clerk Baker supports, all in favor, motion passed.

**d) MARTIN LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

Supervisor Travis made a motion to renew the agreement between Watson Township and J.C. Wheeler library regarding library services in the amount of \$1500 for this fiscal year. Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**e) LAWN CARE BIDS:**

Clerk Baker will post notice for bids for the 2026 season.

**BOARD ROUND TABLE:**

Trustee Yearous noted that Hopkins High School is performing Freaky Friday this month.

**ADJOURN:**

Supervisor Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson Township Clerk