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Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
May 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

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

BILLS:

Clerk Baker made a motion to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$36,699.25, Treasurer Davis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Trustee Harris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Clerk Baker supported.

REPORTS:

a) PLANNING COMMISSION:

The commission is gearing up to understand the new land division law as to how it will affect our current ordinances. McKenna will be presenting at the next meeting on May 20, 2026, at 7 p.m.

b) PARKS COMMITTEE:

They had their first meeting where they sworn in members and officers. A discussion was taken up on the Veteran's Memorial, as to how the final memorial would appear. The Memorial is currently under budget.

c) FIRE DEPARTMENT-HOPKINS:

The fire board worked on requests and appeals from former fire chief.

d) SEXTON:

Clerk Baker was asked about using software to keep track of grave sites and perhaps allowing online access. The Clerk will work with Sexton and bring to the board some viable options.

e) LIBRARIES:

Martin Library has many events in May; Next Library Board meeting is on May 27th at 5:00p.m. 2026-2027 budget proposal will be presented at the May 28th Township Board meeting.

f) CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Currently 7 open cases and 4 cases are closed.

g) COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Dugan reported on two meetings, The pine creek lake- lake level was tabled. The Board approved ballot language for a proposed mileage renewal in the amount of 0.4823 mill providing funds for services to senior citizens in Allegan County, on the August 4, 2026 election. Parks schedule is available online.

<https://www.allegancounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/17909/639105513549700000>

Commissioner Dugan also reported that FEMA would be assessing the damage from the storm last month. Allegan County Emergency Management has a self-reporting portal online to help residents in need. He also said we have 180 children in foster care. The county usually has 60 licensed homes; there are currently 20. The county is asking for anyone who is interested to apply. Neighboring counties have less than half the children in foster care.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened 7:27 p.m., Closed 7:27 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) VETERERN'S MEMORIAL

Discussed under parks committee

NEW BUSINESS:

a) CULVERT REPLACEMNT:

114th Ave. culvert is washed out, almost closed. Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the replacement of 114th Ave. culvert, Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion carried.

ROUND TABLE:

Trustee Harris received a call from the lawncare provider about the trash can at Miner cemetery, it seems someone is dumping inappropriate items. The Cementaries also need several trees trimmed, Trustee Harris will look for trimmers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion passed. Adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker

Watson Township Clerk