Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
September 3, 2026
Special Hearing followed by Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 7 ;00 p.m.
ROLL CALL:
Present: Tera Davis, Michelle Harris, Mary Ann Baker, and Kevin Travis.
Absent: Joe Yearous
AGENDA:
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
OPEN SPECIAL MEETING ON 2026 SPECIAL ASSESMENT DISTRICT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m. No Comments

RESOULTION AND ROLLCALL VOTE 2026 SPECIAL ASSESMENT:
Treasurer Davis made a motion to adopt the 2026 Special Assessment District for Fire Department Operations & Equipment and Emergency Medical Service Operations and Equipment, Trustee Harris supported. Rollcall vote: Treasurer Davis yes, Supervisor Travis yes, Clerk Baker yes, Trustee Harris yes, Trustee Yearous absent, resolution 09032026-1 passed.

CLOSE SPECIAL HEARING:
Supervisor Travis made a motion to close the special hearing, Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT:
Bob Genetski gave the annual county report. A few highlights of the report: Trends in recordings 5,806 land transfers recorded a decrease of 34 from 2024. There were 4,335 mortgages logged, an increase of 516. Money taken in at the register of deeds office during 2025 was 9,395,675.90. Watson Township had 2 home births in 2025. Mr. Genetski wanted to remind our veterans that the county offers a free service of processing your DD214 into a certified copy that they retain so if you lose your copy years down the road gets lost the county will be able to get you a copy. You can also obtain a free Allegan County Veteran ID card. The County also offers a free property fraud alert service if someone is possibly making a fraudulent claim on your title. The Allegan County website has further information about any of these topics.

AGENDA:
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES:
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Clerk Baker seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS:
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $54,957.22, Treasurer Davis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Treasurer Davis gave a report on the township account balances.

AUGUST BUDGET REPORT:
The report can be found on the Township website under notices. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Open at 7:25 p.m. A resident had a tax question. Heidi Wolfe presented to the Board her Bio and her qualifications for running for judge in Allegan County. Closed at 7:34 p.m.

REPORTS:

a) **PLANNING COMMISION:**
No meeting

b) **FIRE REPORT:**
Martin Township Fire reported Watson had three medical and one wire down for the month of August.

c) **SEXTON:**
Mr. Holshoe said that several people would like to see the water pumps fixed in the cemeteries. He is working on getting ordinance signs posted for both cemeteries to make people aware of the rules.

d) **LIBRARIES:**
No report

e) **COUNTY COMMISIONER:**
Mr. Dugan reported on the August 13, 2026, meeting, the commission awarded North Beach Access stairs replacement to West side park to Lakeshore concepts for $133,000. Resolution pledging full faith and credit to the Duncan lake intercounty drain bonds. More information can be found on the county website.

f) **WAEMS:**
WAEMS has an EMT that would like to become a paramedic, there is a scholarship fund to help with the cost. It currently is enough to fund three people. The WAEMS board is working on what needs to happen to get it implemented.

g) **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**
Two cases were closed. Currently have eight open cases.

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **WINTER SNOWPLOW BIDS:**
Supervisor Travis made a motion to retain Scott Langlois for the plowing service of 2026 to 2027 season. Trustee Harris will contact and inform the Board.

b) **FALL CLEANUP:**
Clerk Baker will contact Bernie's Haul Away and arrange for the dumpsters to be at the hall on Saturday October 3,2026.

c) **MASS SUREILLANCE:**
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the resolution for a non-binding resolution of the Township of Watson, Allegan County, Michigan of expressing opposition to the approval or continued use of flock safety cameras and similar mass surveillance devices, declining or to approve or fund such systems, and encouraging neighboring jurisdictions to do the same. Clerk Baker supported, Rollcall vote: Tera Davis yes, Kevin Travis yes, Michelle Harris yes, Mary Ann Baker yes, Joe Yearous absent. Resolution 09032026-2 approved.

ROUNDTABLE:
Trustee Harris presented the American Creed for the hanging in the hall.

ADJOURNMENT:
Supervisor Travis made a motion for adjournment, Trustee Harris second, all in favor, motion passed. Adjournment 8:13 p.m.

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Mary Ann Baker
Watson Township Clerk