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Watson Township Board Minutes
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
November 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA:

Clerk Baker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES:

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

BILLS:

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $188,517.03, Trustee Yearous seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER 'S REPORT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Opened at 7:05 p.m. no comment. Closed at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT:

a) **PLANNING COMMISION:**

McKenna gave their presentation to the board on Master plan updates and service agreement. The strategy is to strengthen the language as to where solar, wind, BESS and data centers can be built and how much land can be used. It is not beneficial to lose prime farmland. The goal is to balance the amount of land available through science. Industrial zone areas would have strengthened language as far as uses. Supervisor Travis made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Master plan as presented in the memorandum and authorize distributions. Trustee Yearous seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the appropriate estimates of the fee schedule for services by McKenna estimated at $16,700. Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

b) **ORDIDANCE DENFORCEMENT:**

Currently have seven open cases.

c) **SEXTON:**

Mr. Holshoe has one more footing to do for the year before the weather gets cold. He has put up the new signs at Miner and is working on putting up the one for Hicks. He is still waiting to hear from Kaai about the water.

d) **LIBRARIES:**
No report, Website or social media will have information.

e) **COUNTY COMMISIONER-DALE DUGAN**
Mr. Dugan reported on two meetings. The commission approved replacement radios for fire and police. The commissioners approved the 2026 tax levies. Commission on aging had the by-laws approved by the board. The board also approved their meeting dates for 2027. The Material Management program is still taking public comments.

f) **FIRE UPDATE:**
Overall proposed budget increase of 7.23%. C.O.L.A. increase would be 3.6%. The major portion is the cancer screening for all the department. It is not mandatory and would be staggered in the future based on criteria in place. Supervisor Travis made a motion to tentatively approve the 7.23% increase for the Watson Township portion of the Fireboard fee. Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) **MOISTURE SENSOR:**
The hall had a flooding in the bathroom and septic pump failure; The sensors will be in place to prevent future issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **McKenna**
Presented during the Planning commission report.

b) **RECYCLE BID:**
The language for the RFP appears the same as before. The dates need to be repopulated to be correct. Trustee Harris is going to contact Arrow waste to have the opportunity to bid on the monthly curbside recycle pickup. Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the verbiage and not the dates for the RFP, Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion passed.

c) **ELECTION REPORT:**
The final cost to the township for the nine days of early voting was approximately $800.00. November early voting final cost to the Township was approximately $700.00. The starting cost was approximately $18,000 for the two early voting. Clerk Baker wanted to thank all the workers for making this election go well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Open at 8:08 p.m. no comment closed at 8:08 p.m.

BOARD ROUND TABLE:
Trustee Harris is going to investigate what other townships charge for their hall rental. We currently are not breaking even with charging $60 because we pay more than that for cleaning of the hall.

ADJOURMENT:
Supervisor Travis made a motion for adjournment, Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor. Motion passed. Adjournment 8:18 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker
Watson Township Clerk