Watson Township Board Minutes
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
October 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Trustee Yearous seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS:

Trustee Harris made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of $142,096.60, Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Davis gave a report on all the township account balances.

REPORTS:

a) **PLANNING COMMISION:**
McKenna presented on Solar farms, BESS, Data centers on the specifics to change ordinances. McKenna will present to the board after 45 days of public comment.

b) **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:**
Currently have seven cases open, one case closed.

c) **SEXTON:**
Mr. Holshoe told the board that both cemeteries have signs in the back that state the rules for the cemetery. He would like to have two more signs that he can put in the middle driveway of each cemetery, making them more visible to people. He is planning on pulling flags and all items that are not allowed on the 15th. He called Kraai to get an estimate on getting the water to work in both cemeteries.

d) **LIBRARIES:**
Check websites or social media for events.

e) **COUNTY COMMISSIONER-DALE DUGAN:**
No report

f) **FIRE UPDATE:**
No report

g) **Q2 BUDGET REPORT:**
Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the budget amendments to balance the budget as presented, Clerk Baker seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Fall Cleanup 10/3- arrange bins.
Clerk Baker will call and verify that there is four dumpsters and one scrap metal dumpster set for Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **MATT WOLFORD -Equalization Director, Allegan County-Oblique Photography**
Mr. Wolford gave a presentation on the live imagery; its uses and capabilities. The township has used it previously, but the assessor was really the only one using it. He apologized for the lack of training. It could be used by the planning commission to verify different items. He said the cost and quality of imagery is always getting better. The county pays 50 % and the township pays 50%. The plane flies in April when leaves are off the trees every three years. The board asked about privacy concerns, who owns the data, if we opt out will the plane still fly over our township. The concern was for Kevin Kutchner's safety if he must go on private property to do an evaluation.
Supervisor Travis made a motion to accept the Eagleview aerial photography contract in the amount of $6,054 or $1,009 annually. Treasurer Davis seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

b) **ELECTION WORKER PAY INCREASE:**
Clerk Baker wanted to raise the rate to be comparable with the other neighboring townships. Supervisor Travis made a motion to raise the Election Inspector's pay to $20/hour and to raise the Chairperson $22.50 /hour. Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, resolution 10012026-1 passed.

c) **24th St, PAVING PROJECT:**
Supervisor Travis made a motion to approve the work order for $201,000 for the paving of 24th St. to 114th Ave. Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor, resolution 10012026-2 passed.

d) **ROOF REPLACEMENT BID:**
The Township Hall roof needs replacement. The Board received a bid from Saylor construction in Allegan for $32,500 for shingles or $71,500 for a metal roof with a lifetime warranty. Supervisor Travis made a motion to have Saylor put a blue metal roof on the entire building. Trustee Yearous supported, all in favor, motion carried.

e) **MOISTURE SENSORS:**
Water damage can be devastating and costly. Trustee Harris recommended the township place sensors near all the places that a leak could happen. Trustee Harris made a motion to purchase water sensors for a maximum dollar amount of $200 to protect the property. Supervisor Travis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

BOARD ROUND TABLE:

The Board received compliments on the appearance of the cemeteries.

ADJOURMENT:
Supervisor Travis made a motion for adjournment, Trustee Harris seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Adjournment 9:33 p.m.

Mary Ann Baker
Watson Township Clerk