

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

June 19, 2025 at 7:00pm

Held at Washington Township Hall, 8989 S. Baldwin Rd. Ashley, MI 48806

- I. Meeting called to order by Howard Whaley at 7:04pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call- All Present: Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Kevin Whaley, Tarry Stahl, Howard Whaley.
- II. Motion to approve minutes from 5/15/2025 Board Meeting & 5/ 28/2025 Special Board Meeting by Eric, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor; motion passed.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda with additions, by Nancy, 2nd by Tarry, all in favor; motion carried.
- IV. Kevin presented monthly financial reports dated from the first day to the last day of May, printed off of BS&A. Everybody agreed that they liked the reports and that it would take some time to adjust to the difference in the reports. Motion to accept financial reports upon reconciliation by Tarry, 2nd by Eric, roll call vote, yeas-Tarry, Nancy, Eric, Kevin, Howard; motion carried.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors:
 - a) Grants update – Nancy has no new updates on the grant. Discussion started about Nancy being paid for time spent as administrator of the grant from the grant funds. It was decided that Nancy would be paid using a 1099 Invoice account, drawing from the Grant funds received. Motion made by Eric, 2nd by Kevin, roll call vote, yeas-Kevin, Tarry, Eric, Howard, abstain as recipient- Nancy, motion passed.
 - b) .gov emails – Tarry said he will get Nancy’s computer done Friday.
 - c) Suggestions for new auditor – After discussion about the unavailability of Smith & Klackiewicz, PC this year it was suggested that Kevin call and see if they would be available next year, and schedule it if they are.
 - d) Planning Commission-Suggestions for planning commission openings – Howard Stated that he had interviewed Kayle Demott, and he was willing to serve. Kevin made a motion that the board accept Kayle to serve on the planning commission, 2nd by Eric, roll call vote, yeas Kevin, Tarry, Eric, Nancy, nays Howard, motion passed. Phillip Patrick said he wants to serve in the second opening, and Howerd said he would need to be interviewed before it goes before the board.
 - e) Overage Policy - Overage Policy/Resolution - After discussion of complications related to an Overage Policy it was decided to drop it as not a viable option.
 - f) Road Commission Update - Howard brought up the possibility of reducing millage for the roads due to the income the township will receive from PILF beginning in October. The consensus of those present was to leave it as is until we see if those funds received can support all the resurfacing needs in the township.
 - g) Mailboxes are ordered, now due at the end of the month.

- h) Township Flag Update: Annette said the price of a 2' x 3' is \$75 each and 5 or more is \$65 each. Nancy made a motion that we purchase 5 flags to start with, 2nd by Tarry, roll call vote, yea- Eric, Nancy, Howard, Tarry, Kevin; motion passed.
 - i) Landscaping/Fencing/Playground: Information has been sent to the landscaper. Barbara is waiting for the updated drawing.
 - j) ARPA Per Kevin, account has been closed.
 - k) Wind Turbine Complaints: Addison said there is none to report.
 - VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues
 - VII. Zoning Officer Response – Howard gave an overview of all of the certified letters delivered and returned as accepted, or as undelivered for blight violation. More to be sent when the violation ticket book arrives. He will also be presenting Washington Township Planning Commission's rezoning proposal to the Gratiot County Zoning for their recommendation.
 - VIII. New Business
 - a) Define Zoning SLUP requirements – Sending to Planning Commission for Clarification.
 - b) Bathroom Remodel & Flooring - Barbra started painting the kitchen walls and had samples of vinyl flooring for use on all the floors in the old hall area. Motion made by Nancy to approve the flooring replacement with sample flooring, 2nd by Howard, voice vote all yes; motion passed.
 - c) Requirement for Township food purchases – Any food purchased for Township use should be available to anyone at township events. The exception is pot-luck food provided by election workers for their use during an election.
 - d) Cemeteries – Nancy has checked on the cost to replace fencing around Collier Cemetery. She will get more information on cost and installation.
 - e) Limestone vs Gravel/Road Millage – Answered in k) Road Commission Update in Old Business
 - f) Notary Needs? - It was decided that enough Notaries are available in the area, so we will not need to have one at the Township office.
 - g) BS&A use for all reports – Answered in financial report comments.
 - h) Point Broadband Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension - Kevin made a motion to approve Washington Township Resolution # 2025-014 Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit, 2nd by Nancy, roll call vote ayes Eric, Nancy, Tarry, Kevin, Howard, motion passed.
 - i) Gratiot County Master Plan – Sent to Planning Commission for review and approval.
 - j) Phones – Cell phones used for Township business are payable,
 - IX. Letters / Correspondence
 - X. Additional Public Comments
 - XI. Adjournment - Motion made to adjourn by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor.
- Time: 9:17 PM

Respectfully submitted and posted by Tarry Stahl, Township Clerk

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