

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

April 16, 2026, at 7:00pm

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

- I. Meeting called to order by Howard Whaley at 7:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call- Present: Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Kevin Whaley, Tarry Stahl, and Howard Whaley; Absent: None.
- II. Motion to approve budget minutes with corrections from March 19, 2026, meeting by Kevin, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve board minutes with corrections from March 19, 2026, meeting by Howard, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor, motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda, by Nancy, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve financial reports contingent on Clerk/Treasurer reconciliation by Nancy, 2nd by Howard, roll call votes, yeas- Eric, Nancy, Kevin, Tarry, and Howard, nays- none; motion carried.
- V. Old Business / Open Issues / Visitors:
 - a. Steve Sopocy
 1. No injuries or deaths reported from storm damage in Washington Township
 2. A Declaration of Emergency for Gratiot County was issued
 - b. Theresa from DTE – Solar Farm Rep
 1. No damage from high winds on the solar farm or wind turbines
 - a. Specifications of tree replacement was mentioned
 - c. Still actively looking for Deputy Treasurer
 - d. ZBA granted a variance for dog grooming facility on M57 and US127 with conditions.
 - e. Planning Commission update; vote to recommend approval on SLUP for Dog House Grooming, Boarding & Daycare LLC., at 1596 E Cleveland Rd., 4-1; PC will revisit set backs and potential moratorium on data centers.
 - f. SLUP for Dog House Grooming, Boarding & Daycare LLC.; add a condition in writing to move the parking area to the back of the building, motion by Nancy, 2nd by Eric, roll call votes, yeas-Eric, Nancy, Kevin, Tarry, and Howard, nays-none; motion carried.
 - g. A verbal agreement with Morgan & Assoc. of Grand Rapids for the township Auditor was made.
 - h. No report on Pompeii Sewer

- i. The landscaping around the hall is tabled until May; awaiting further price quote on discussed plan for flag poles between LP tank and sidewalk, motion by Howard, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.
 - j. Washington Twp is looking to fill one of their vacant board position for the Fire Authority
 - k. Wildlife trapping rodent issue found evidence of mice.
- VI. Public Comment on old business/open issues: None
- VII. Zoning Officer Report:
 - a. No permits issued in April
 - b. No updates on tickets issued, will receive info when it goes to court.
- VIII. District Library Report:
 - a. Kevin had no news to report
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Tarry and Howard - updated and signed Resolutions
 - b. Issue was raised about making sure all doors are locked, and hall is checked after all events at the hall. Carl Kilpatrick will be issued a key.
- X. Letters/Correspondence:
 - a. Kevin – Letter from KCT to do property taxes - NO
- XI. Important Dates of Washington Township:
 - a. Reminders for the Drain Commission that held its update meeting on April 22nd, Cemetery Cleanup is May 9th, rain date May 16th, both from 9am-noon, and Election Inspector Training is held at the Washington Township Hall on July 13th at 3 pm.
- XII. Deferred Business:
 - a. Patrick Commercial Zoning for Parcel #1 is deferred until July 2026
 - b. Planning for Pavillion is deferred until 2027-2028 year
- XIII. Additional Public Comments: Spicer invoice goes to DTE, Eric and Nancy want VISA details
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Tarry, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted by Erica Wright, Deputy Clerk

Approved on: May 21, 2026

X

Howard Whaley
Washington Township Supervisor

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Tarry Stahl
Washington Township Clerk

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