

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

July 16, 2026 @ 7:00pm

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

- I. Meeting called to order by Howard Whaley at 7:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call- Present: Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Kevin Whaley, Howard Whaley; Absent: Tarry Stahl
- II. Motion to approve minutes from June 25, 2026, meeting by Nancy, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda, with addition; under IX. e) BS&A Training, by Kevin, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve budget/financial reports/bills as reported, by Nancy, 2nd by Eric, roll call votes, yeas- Kevin, Nancy, Eric, Howard, nays- none, Absent- Tarry; motion carried.
- V. Old Business / Open Issues / Visitors: Karla Childers, Mercantile Bank, discussed the Public Funds Premium Money Market Account plan for the township to consider; Ryan Portenga, Superintendent for Fulton & Ashley Schools presented himself and discussed his plans and hopes for both Ashley and Fulton Schools Districts.
 - a. Pompeii Sewer Reimbursement Discussion- motion to pay the full \$29,380 by Eric, 2nd by Kevin, roll call votes, yeas- Kevin, Nancy, Eric, nays- Howard, Absent- Tarry; motion carried.
 - b. Landscaping around Township Hall- motion to approve \$5,000 for Smith Lawnsapes, LLC to be put on their fall planting schedule by Howard, 2nd by Nancy, roll call votes, yeas- Nancy, Eric, Howard, Kevin, nays- none, Absent- Tarry; motion carried.
 - c. Audit- things are moving along, and should be ready for the July 23rd meeting with Morgan & Assoc.
 - d. Fire Authority member still needed- talked with three people, all said no.
 - e. Playground Equipment Placing- Howard needs to call Theresa, needs to be set before fall.
 - f. Public Voting Equipment Test and Election Inspector Training update- the voting tabulator was tested, and everything went fine. All township election inspectors came in for training with the county clerk.
 - g. Clerk Flooring update- new floor looks good, Tarry ordered floor mats for all offices.
 - h. Hall/Kitchen/Bathroom Flooring- waiting for us to be put on their schedule
- VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues:

- a. Carl Kilpatrick said we will be in trouble if/when we have issues with the septic system at the hall.
 - b. John Chvojka complained about a property on Blair Rd having perpetual yard sale.
- VII. Zoning Officer Report:
 - a. Permits issued this month: none
- VIII. District Library Report:
 - a. Paid bills and discussed budget
 - b. Kevin Whaley voted in as Library Board President
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Pompeii Sewer Public Hearing- Scheduled for July 27th at 7pm at the Fulton Township Hall, about sewer rate increase, need Washington Township Board quorum to vote.
 - b. Planning Commission update-
 - 1. Elected officers; Dave Rattay, Planning Commission Chairperson; and Eric Whitford, Planning Commission Secretary & Ex-Officio
 - 2. Discussed residential zoning for Pompeii
 - 3. Voted for moratorium on BESS
 - c. Moratorium for Battery Storage (BESS)- Howard contacted attorney to draft a resolution, has not heard back yet.
 - d. Patrick Zoning for Parcel #1- PC recommended denial per non-compliance of zoning. Motion for denial by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, roll call vote, yeas- Kevin, Nancy, Eric, Howard, nays- none, Absent- Tarry; motion carried.
 - e. BS&A Training- Motion to approve up to \$5,000 for the treasurer and clerk and both their deputies to get in person training by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor, motion carried.
- X. Letters/Correspondence:
 - a. MTA Courses Flyers- Hot Topics in Planning & Zoning
 - b. Three letters from Drain Commission-
 - 1. Grubaugh ICD
 - 2. Boots ICD
 - 3. Cordray ICD
 - c. MTA Fall Regional Meeting Flyer-
- XI. Important Dates of Washington Township:
 - a. Public Hearing for Pompeii Sewer July 27th @ 7pm at Fulton Township Hall
 - b. Ashley Fire Authority Meeting August 4th @ 6pm at Village of Ashley
 - c. Board Meeting August 20th @ 7pm at Washington Township Hall
- XII. Deferred Business:

- a. Planning for Pavillion deferred to 2027-2028 fiscal year
 - b. Extend sidewalk for Parking lot deferred until Pavillion plans are finalized
- XIII. Additional Public Comment: none
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Howard, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Erica Wright, Washington Township Deputy Clerk

Approved August 20th, 2026

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Howard Whaley
Washington Township Supervisor

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Tarry Stahl
Washington Township Clerk

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