

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

AUGUST 20, 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, Tarry Stahl, Kevin Whaley, and Howard Whaley
- II. Motion to approve minutes from Special Joint Meeting with Fulton Twp on July 27, 2026, by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor, motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve minutes from last Board meeting on July 16, 2026, by Kevin, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve Agenda, with addition; under V. i) Cemetery, by Nancy, 2nd by Howard, all in favor, motion carried.
- V. Motion to approve budget/financial reports/bills as reported, and a discussion on Public Funds Premium Money Market Account, by Tarry, 2nd by Eric, roll call votes, yeas- Kevin, Tarry, Nancy, Eric, Howard, nays- none, motion carried.
- VI. Old Business / Open Issues / Visitors:
 - a. Pompeii Sewer Public Hearing update from Howard, we received invoice, paid it, and received receipt of payment. Howard is in constant contact with Mark Harless, DWP Head of Maintenance for Fulton Township, Washington Twp side may have a potential leak, looking into using a camera to local it. The \$200 quarterly maintenance fee will start in October. Tarry is sending out letters to Pompeii residents that are delinquent on payments.
 - b. Landscaping around Township Hall update, motion to approve the contract from Smith Lawnsapes LLC for \$25, 257 by Kevin, 2nd by Tarry, roll call votes, yeas- Kevin, Tarry, Eric, Nancy, nays- Howard, motion carried.
 - c. Audit update from Kevin, he talked with Bill Morgan: about two weeks from being completed, no major issues, will have a few suggestions for improvements.
 - d. Fire Authority member, Howard has talked with about 6 people, and all have declined, still looking.
 - e. Playground equipment & Light poles update, poles set, playground equipment placement located, Howard & Kevin may set anchor posts next week, getting quotes from Travis of Three Oaks Gound Cover in Grand Rapids for the fabric barrier, rubber mulch, and edging around the play equipment area. Howard needs to see if DTE will cover cost. Howard also asked Erica to see if Smith Lawnsapes would give a quote too.

- f. Hall/Kitchen/Bathroom Flooring Update, have quote, waiting to be put on the installers schedule, need to have it completed by October.
 - g. Patrick Zoning for parcel #1, a letter has been sent notifying the resident of denial of change of zoning, another letter will be sent certified mail, resident has stated he did not receive the first notification.
 - h. Moratorium for BESS- from lawyer, and a discussion to create a moratorium for data centers, Eric will look into, motion to approve the moratorium for BESS by Eric, 2nd by Kevin, roll call vote, yeas- Eric, Nancy, Kevin, Tarry, Howard, nays- none, motion carried.
 - i. Cemetery update, new chain link fence has been installed around Hufford Cemetery, looks great.
- VII. Public Comment for old business/open issues:
 - a. Eric attended Planning Commission at County, Gratiot Co is not CREO compliant.
- VIII. Zoning Officer Report:
 - a. Permits issued this month: none
 - b. Tickets being reissued.
- IX. District Library Report:
 - a. Kevin Whaley as Board President, is now signee for the library.
- X. New Business:
 - a. Approval to add Erica Wright, Dep. Clerk and Carrie Kirkpatrick, Dep. Treasurer as signees to bank accounts.
 - b. Approval to remove all other signees from accounts except current Treasurer, Kevin Whaley and current Clerk, Tarry Stahl and their current Deputies. Motion to combine a) and b) together and approve by Eric, 2nd by Nancy, roll call vote, yeas- Kevin, Tarry, Nancy, Eric, Howard, nays- none; motion carried.
 - c. Election Update, a few minor issues, overall went well, we had about 1/3 of the township residents come out to vote.
 - d. Township cleanup dates, with a quick discussion the board decided on October 3rd from 9a-1p, Motion to approve dumpsters by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, roll call vote, yeas- Eric, Nancy, Kevin, Tarry, Howard, nays- none, motion carried.
 - e. Township Hall Sepsic system, a suggestion to have the septic pumped, and Howard will call Jason Ackers. Motion to have the septic system pumped by Eric, 2nd by Kevin, roll call vote, yeas- Eric, Nancy, Howard, Tarry, Kevin, nays- none, motion carried.
- XI. Letters/Correspondence:
 - a. Michigan Association of Planning – passed along to the Planning Commission for review
- XII. Important Dates of Washington Township:

- a. Ashley Fire Authority Meeting September 1st, 2026, at 6pm Village of Ashley
 - b. Board Meeting September 17th, 2026, at 7pm Washington Township Hall
- XIII. Deferred Business:
 - a. Planning for Pavillion deferred to 2027-2028 fiscal year
 - b. Extend sidewalk for Parking lot deferred until Pavillion plans are finalized
- XIV. Additional Public Comment:
 - a. Ross Boots spoke on behalf of the County about the township roads
- XV. Motion to adjourn by Kevin, 2nd by Tarry, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted by Erica Wright, Washington Township Deputy Clerk

Approved September 17th, 2026

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Howard Whaley
Washington Township Supervisor

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Tarry Stahl
Washington Township Clerk

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