

# *Weare Township*

## **Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 8th, 2026**

**A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry Doran. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Roll Call:** Board members present Sayles, Miller, Doran, VanDerZanden, Stotler.

**C. Attendance:** Audience members included Julia Lauber, Troy Maloney, Jonathan Hughart, Lori Green, Paul Erickson, Katie Kokx, Rick Kraas, Dwight Fuehring, Adam Kokx.

**D. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Byron and 2nd by Melanie to approve last month's minutes.

**E. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Melanie and 2nd by Byron to approve the agenda with the **addition of letter D. in New Business Moratorium for Data Center/Battery Storage**. Motion passed

**F. Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. VanDerZanden reported as follows:

- \$33,601.17 in the General Fund Checking
- \$804.78 in the Road Fund Checking
- \$61.42 in the Fire Fund Checking
- \$1.00 in the Escrow Account
- \$1.00 Bond Debt Retirement Account
- \$513,786.50 in the Michigan Class General Fund Surplus Account
- \$109,629.67 in the Michigan Class Road Fund Surplus Account
- \$46,343.30 in Michigan Class Fire Fund Surplus Account
- Totals: \$704,228.84

### **G. Old Business**

1. Red Barn -Paul Erickson gave an update and things are being discussed.
2. Lane is waiting on information for Bind insurance holding on to the July Meeting.
3. Hart Fire Authority -Jonathan Hughart did a presentation of the combining of Hart and Pentwater. He had handouts and discussed the major points and answered questions from the board and the public.
4. Hart Library contract: Larry talked about a contract that we pay as the people use the library so they would send us a report and we would pay monthly. Larry doesn't want to see people without access to the library. Larry made a motion to pay the \$6 a person for a total of \$2,970 with a 2nd by Byron. Role

Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Lane-No, Jill-No, Melanie-No, Larry-Yes. Motion Failed  
Jill will reach out to the library for more information. We may have to have a special meeting. Our contract with the library expires 8/1/2026.

**H. New Business:**

1. Melanie and Jill mentioned setting up an account at Larson's Ace hardware for Jason Miller township maintenance. Larry made a motion to set up an account at Larson's in Hart for the maximum amount of \$1,000 Jason is the only one to use it with a 2nd by Melanie. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Lane-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes. Motion passed.
2. Bind Insurance quotes Lane will bring to the July meeting.
3. Oceana County Clerk sent a packet asking each township to pay \$250 towards early voting equipment. This would include cages to keep equipment safe. Larry made a motion to pay \$250 to the county clerk for early voting equipment this was 2nd by Jill. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Lane-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes motion passed.
4. Larry brought up to the board and several planning commission members to think about a moratorium for battery storage facilities and Data centers. The next planning commission meeting is July 28th, 2026 and this will be added to the agenda.

**I. Correspondence:** None

**J. Public Comments-**Katie Kokx mentioned her concerns with Hart Library contract

**K. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Andrew unable to attend

**L. Board Member Comments-** None

**M. Supervisor's Comments-** Larry thanked all the board members and planning commission for all they do for the township. He mentioned he talked with Mr. Timmer at the road commission on the driveway concerns on 72nd Ave.

**N. Approval of the Bills:**Motion by Lane and 2nd by Melanie to pay bills. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Lane-Yes, Larry-Yes.

**O. Adjournment:** Motion by Larry and 2nd by Byron to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm , minutes were recorded by Mrs. Sayles