Weare Township

DRAFT OF Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Larry Doran. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

C. Attendance: Audience members Julia Lauber, Rick Kraas, Claudette Reid, Andrew Clark, Lori Green, Paul Erickson.

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

E. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jill and 2nd by Byron to approve the agenda with the **addition of letter B. in New Business Flock Camera C. Bill's** motion was amended to say **C. Recurring Bills.** Motion passed

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

- $10,549.30 in the General Fund Checking
- $153.39 in the Road Fund Checking
- $16,428.98 in the Fire Fund Checking
- $1.00 in the Escrow Account
- $1.00 Bond Debt Retirement Account
- $517,014.65 in the Michigan Class General Fund Surplus Account
- $97,795.32 in the Michigan Class Road Fund Surplus Account
- $30,596.61 in Michigan Class Fire Fund Surplus Account
- Totals: $672,540.25

G. Old Business

1. Red Barn -Oceana County Commissioners are looking for an entity to sponsor the permit for weathering the barn. Larry asked the board to think on it.

H. New Business:

1. Lane reviewed the Bind insurance with the board at length. He took questions from the board and answered them several items needed to be voted on. They were as follows:
   Code Enforcement/Zoning Coverage raising the coverage amount to $250,000
   Lane made the motion to raise it with a 2nd by Jill. Role Call Vote:
   Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes,Jill-Yes,Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion passed

Non-Monetary Zoning Coverage raising this coverage to $25,000 Lane made the motion to raise it and a 2nd by Jill. Role Call Vote:
Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes,Jill-Yes,Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion passed
Terrorism Coverage: Lane made the motion to add this to our policy at a cost of $25 annual premium Jill 2nd this. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes,
Lane-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes. Motion passed
Hall Coverage: Lane motioned to raise the hall coverage to $300 per square foot with the building valued at $240,000 and premium of $106 Jill 2nd this. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes,Jill-Yes,Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion passed
Law Enforcement Liability Coverage: Lane made the motion to remove this from our policy as the Zoning Admin does not have the ability to arrest or carry a firearm. This will save the township $750. Jill motion to seconded this.Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes,Jill-Yes,Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion passed
Equity Removal: A motion by Lane and seconded Jill to remove the riding lawnmower from the property equity was proposed. Role Call Vote:
Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes,Jill-Yes,Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion passed
Lane stated with the additions and removal's cost wise it is a push.
Lane asked that we contact Mark Shotwell, our IT guy to attend the 9-14-26 meeting to address what he covers for Cyber security before we make additions or corrections to that part.

2. A lengthy discussion took place on the Flock Camera system. One mention was we did not sign the contract and they were put up anyway. It was discussed how it was an invasion of privacy. Jill made a motion and Lane seconded that we would contact the lawyer to cease and desist the Flock Camere's on Oceana and Monroe Road. Roll Call Vote: Byron-Yes,Lane-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes,Larry-Yes. Motion Passed. Larry will reach out to Brian Monton tomorrow. **Lane made a NEW motion and seconded by Jill that if no questions were answered at the county meeting on 8/13/2026 the township would take legal action against the sheriffs to remove the cameras. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Lane-Yes, Jill-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes. Motion passed.**
3. Jill mentioned the township's recurring bills and wondered if we could just pay them in total instead of paying monthly. A discussion took place and we will stay paying them monthly.

I. Correspondence: Larry received a work session training for Frankenmuth but upon review won't benefit the board members.

J. Public Comments-Lori Green announced she is stepping down from the planning commission and as deputy treasurer. She will turn in an official letter to Melanie. A discussion took place with Lori on if we could drop down to 5 members on the planning commission Lori stated she would do some research. Lori also mentioned how upset she was with the Flock Camera systems and that they needed to come down. She also stated that she feels Brian Monton township lawyer has a conflict with this situation as he also represents the county as their lawyer.

Claudette Reid wanted the board to know how much she appreciates them on addressing the Flock Camera issues so quickly and having residents of the township's best interest as the number 1 priority.

Paul Erickson read the letter from the sheriff that addressed the Flock Camera system that was given to County Commissioners.

K. Zoning Administrator's Report- Andrew wrote 6 permits for the month.

L. Board Member Comments- Melanie is on vacation from 9/2/26 to 9/8/26 and deputy Deby Gustafson is covering for her.

M. Supervisor's Comments- Larry discussed he was going to the meeting on 8/13/26 and would find out the answer on the Flock Camera System. Larry also publicly thanked Jason Miller, our maintenance person on how much he is getting accomplished. He asked for a post on township facebook thanking Jason. Larry also mentioned the fire departments joining together. He discussed data and battery storage, all things we are working on.

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

O. Adjournment: Motion by Byron and 2nd by Jill to adjourn.The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm , minutes were recorded by Mrs. Sayles