

Weare Township

Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 9th, 2026

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Larry Doran.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Roll Call

Board members present included Mrs. Sayles, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stotler, Mr. Doran. Mrs. VanDerZanden.

D. Attendance

Audience members present included Julia Lauber, Andrew Clark, Jeremy Gage, Pete Coulier, Stephanie VanSickle, Claudelle Reid, Rick Kraas

E. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jill and 2nd by Byron to approve last month's minutes. With the correction of the date for extending Solar ordinance to read 5/31/2026.

F. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Melanie and supported by Jill to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business of letter F for appointing planning commission secretary.

G. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. VanDerZanden reported as follows:

- \$10,272.47 in the General Fund Checking
- \$7,528.01 in the Road Fund Checking
- \$460.92 in the Fire Fund Checking
- \$1.00 in the Escrow Account
- \$1.00 Bond Debt Retirement Account
- \$457,150.94 in the Michigan Class General Fund Surplus Account
- \$46,789.27 in the Michigan Class Road Fund Surplus Account
- \$25,821.52 in Michigan Class Fire Fund Surplus Account
- Totals: \$548,025.13

H. Old Business

1. Red Barn -Paul Erickson unable to attend nothing new at this time.
2. Melanie will sign the battery storage paperwork and send it to the lawyer. She will also get January minutes for Consumers.
3. Bind Insurance Lane is having trouble getting a return call from Megan West. He did review the answer from Mark Shotwell, our IT person and things we are in good shape.
4. Larry reached out to Ken Adams on paying for plowing at the end of the season, this is due to more activity at the hall then in years past. The amount will be \$35 a plow. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Jill-Yes, Lane-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes. Motion passed
5. Election Coordinator position will stay with Debra Gustafson with her being deputy clerk it gives the board more security.

I. New Business:

1. Stephanie Vansickle came to explain our retirement with John Hancock as we have been audited from Acrisure and they are stating we owe more funds for 4/1/2023 to 3/31/2024. The amount is \$2,174.62. Acrisure is stating we are not calculating the amount correctly at 7.5% . A review took place between Stephanie and Melanie. A motion was made by Larry and 2nd by Melanie to go ahead and pay. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Jill-Yes, Lane-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes. Passed
2. The Road Commission wish list is that time of year to put the townships priority on roads. This year it has been decided for Madison from 88th to 96th with Slag. Larry will sign and it will get sent to the road commission. Also Mark Timmer is asking for letters of support for the BUILD program for funds. A discussion took place between the board members and everyone said to sign the letter of support.
3. Richele Anderson submitted her letter of resignation from deputy clerk and planning commission secretary. We thank her for all her work and will miss her.
4. MTA principles of Governance: MTA is asking board members to follow standards and principles and sign a pledge to that. Questions from the public were raised. Larry will get clarification and report back in March.
5. A motion by Byron and 2nd by Jill to spend up to \$250 for a new mailbox. Role Call Vote: Byron-Yes, Jill-Yes, Lane-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes motion passed.
6. Larry has appointed Debra Gustafson to be planning commission secretary until May. A motion by Byron to accept and a 2nd from Jill. Motion passed

J. Correspondence: more training sessions available for Zone and others, Andrew is going to check it out and let Larry know if he wants to attend.

K. Public Comments- Claudelee Reid questioned the MTA principles of Governance Larry will reach out to them and report back at the March meeting. Peter Coulier questioned how the process happens to work on roads and who makes choices. He also commented on the road he lives on. Richard Kraas has concerns with our cyber security and is wondering if he could have a meeting with our IT person and someone on the board.

L. Zoning Administrator's Report- Andrew wrote 1 permit for a landsplit in the last month.

M. Board Member Comments- None

N. Supervisor's Comments- Larry discussed several data storage meetings happening and which one is open to the public. It is on 3/12/2026@7pm at Montague middle school. He also talked out Maverick farms and them opting out this year and asked Andrew to send them a letter that they will have to re-apply in the future.

O. 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 carried.

P. Adjournment: Motion by Larry and 2nd by Lane to adjourn. motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm , minutes were recorded by Mrs. Sayles