

# *Weare Township*

## **Board Meeting Minutes Monday, March 9th, 2026**

### **A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Larry Doran. We were running behind due to the planning commission meeting running over.

### **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, Claudelle Reid, Rick Kraas, Erik Bengston

### **E. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Byron and 2nd by Jill to approve last month's minutes. **With the correction to item #3** in old business that it states we are in need of a deeper review for our cyber security.

### **F. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Melanie and supported by Lane to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business of letter F which is Lawn Care Bids.

### **G. Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. VanDerZanden reported as follows:

- \$92,316.70 in the General Fund Checking
- \$752.28 in the Road Fund Checking
- \$245.85 in the Fire Fund Checking
- \$1.00 in the Escrow Account
- \$1.00 Bond Debt Retirement Account
- \$466,452.17 in the Michigan Class General Fund Surplus Account
- \$89,952.09 in the Michigan Class Road Fund Surplus Account
- \$45,909.08 in Michigan Class Fire Fund Surplus Account
- Totals: \$695,630.17

## H. Old Business

1. Red Barn -Nothing new at this time.
2. John Hancock pension corrections Amanda from Acrisure sent an update and according to the new calculations several employees are owed refunds from the township. Also, money is owed from Melanie and Jill each of \$294.51 from employee's Role Call Vote: Byron-yes, Jill-yes, Lane-yes, Melanie-yes, Larry-NO. Motion passed
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 Melanie and Mr.Krass met with Mark Shotwell. Mr. Krass wrote a report on the meeting he thinks things are okay, and reminded us to follow up with Mark on vendor security. A copy of the report is available at the hall.
4. MTA principles- Larry is taking to the next MTA meeting and will have answers at the April 13th, 2026 board meeting.
5. The Super Good license renewal check came in the mail today.

## I. New Business:

1. The budget hearing date is set for 3/31/26@6pm. Melanie will post in paper and also will post the change in the next planning commission meeting date.
2. Brine Schedule a discussion took place on 1 brine or 2. Larry made the motion for 2 road Brining's this summer and Melanie seconded this. **Role Call Vote:** Byron-Yes, Jill-Yes,Lane-Yes, Melanie-Yes, Larry-Yes, motion passed
3. Hart Library Contract it is time to renew, they are asking for \$6 per capita for a total of \$2,976. A first by Jill to pay \$5 per capita for a total of \$2,480 this was seconded by Larry. Role Call: Byron, Jill, Lane, Melanie, Larry yes Motion passed.
4. DTE gas pricing Larry will do some research and will report at the April meeting.
5. Hazardous household waste day is coming up on 8/15/2026. They are asking for \$550.80 from Weare a motion by Jill and a second by Lane to pay this. Role Call Vote: Byron,Jill, Lane, Melanie, Larry all yes motion passed
6. Lawn care bids: Jill and Larry will check on some new lawn care people and report back at the April meeting.

**J. Correspondence:** The township received a letter from Hart Fire Board that in July 2027 the rate will increase to 1.25 mills. Also, Larry received a note there is new software that could take our minutes and transcribe them.

**K. Public Comments-** Richard Kraas talked some more about his meeting with Mark Shotwell. Claudette Reid talked about the website and facebook not being up to date. Erik Bengston mentioned he is starting a Clay sport club at Pentwater school and they will use the gun range on Oceana and Jefferson road.

**L. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Andrew wrote 0 permits last month.

**M. Board Member Comments-** Jill stated property taxes settled correctly

**N. Supervisor's Comments-** Larry stated that the board of review was this week. He asked Melanie to talk to Deby from Gustafson's on turning on cemetery water. He will call Port-a-Jon's for boat landing. He leaves on vacation 4/14/26 until 5/10/26. Dump Day is 5/2/26 he will be gone but will line up dumpsters. He needs someone to be here that day. He has a list of maintenance things for hall to get done.

**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 8:25 pm , minutes were recorded by Mrs. Sayles