

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Present: Supervisor Bob Starkweather, Treasurer Jeanine Nowak, Clerk Erin Cummings, Trustee Tom Harmon, Trustee Richard Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, John Ostrowski, Jeff Willis, Greg Hetrick, Rick Platzer, John and Nancy Holton

Absent:

Supervisor Starkweather called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Trustee Heisler moved to approve the February agenda. Seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Nowak moved to transfer \$35,000.00, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

Nowak presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Trustee Harmon moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written and seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Revisit Library Resolution of Intent to become a participating municipality in the Charlotte Community Library. Discussion took place concerning the hardship this could create on farmers and larger parcels of land. It would be cheaper for residents to purchase an out of district library card than pay for a millage to generate 1.4 mills. Roll call vote 5-0 to rescind the library resolution.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

- Clerk- Annual Meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Clerk Cummings will coordinate with Board members to get dates setup for the budget workshop. Election is in a couple of weeks and the early voting starts on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Carmel Township. Clerk Cummings mentioned that if we choose to pass a salary increase we have to vote on the resolution, the Board agreed to leave wages the same for the next year, due to the unexpected drain assessments this year.
- Rural Fire- February 2 Eaton Township will host the Rural Fire Meeting.
- Supervisor- Someone put a lock on the transfer station, had to cut it off.
- Sheriff-53 events  
Olivet Fire Chief-6 total calls. Chief Collins provided the board with the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 contract.
- County Commissioner-
- Road Commissioner Update-Road Commission Meeting will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> for Township officials, Supervisor Starkweather plans to attend.
- Assessing-

**Public Comment:**

John Holton-How much will the 9 days of early voting cost, Clerk Cummings responded it will be costly, however, there are 17 municipalities that joined an early voting agreement. That will help with the costs.

Greg Hetrick-asked why he can't vote on the school millages, Treasurer Nowak responded Walton Township residents do it is not just with the City of Olivet.

John Ostrowski-Mentioned that a columbarium will be installed 18x9 in between 2 headstones. It was discussed to have the lawn mower serviced for spring by Hutson's.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:42p.m. Trustee Harmon moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED**