

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

February 10th, 2026

Present: Trustee Heisler, Trustee Starkweather, Treasurer Heisler, Clerk Cummings, Supervisor Thering, Patti and John Ostrowski, Jennifer Harris, Dave Moody, John and Nancy Holton, Jim Mott, John and Michelle Collins, Diane Barmes, Jeff Wills, and Barb Platzer

Absent:

Supervisor Thering called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Starkweather moved to approve the February agenda, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Heisler moved to approve transferring \$20,520, seconded by Trustee Heisler.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Attorney concerning Joint Planning Commission Formation-Supervisor Thering suggested adding planning and zoning timeline information to the website. Supervisor Thering will put something together, send to Clerk Cummings. Fees will be between \$12,500 and 20,000 split between 7 townships. A special meeting may be necessary.

Battle Creek Watershed Meeting at Clarence Township, Clerk Cummings will reach out to get more information. There will be a meeting on February 24th from 10am-12:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Salary Resolution- Clerk Cummings recommended not increasing wages this year, Trustee Heisler moved to accept not increasing wages, seconded by Trustee Starkweather. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reports:

Clerk-Budget workshop will be held on March 7th at 9 a.m., Annual meeting will be held on March 18th at 5 p.m.

Supervisor- Supervisor Thering asked for everyone to be thinking about the budget. Doug mentioned getting quotes for an AED. Clerk Cummings will check with Amy to see what the cost looks like.

Olivet Fire Chief- 33 total calls, 4 medicals and 8 fires for Walton Township. Cold water rescue with other departments and have invited the dive team. Chief Collins brought in a new extraction power tool that was bought through the association. New truck should have body assembled in March. Will start working on the new contract, we only did a 1 year last year. Chief Collins will reach out to other departments to see what they are doing.

Commissioner- Eatran will have a renewal on the November ballot. The County Administrator Controller will be retiring February 20th. An interview will take place with Deputy Assistant Administrator Ben Dawson, this will be held as a public meeting.

Road Commission Update- Supervisor Thering, Trustee Heisler, and Trustee Starkweather met with the Rd Commission concerning road projects in the township. They are working towards a millage renewal. Five Point Hwy from the bridge to Maurer Rd will be completed this year, 2 culverts will be installed to help with water levels, new technology will be used. The Brown Drain does not have any effect on the road; there is a petition that was done 9 years ago and could still be used. Bellevue Hwy will be completed this year.

Assessing- Jennifer is working to on the assessment rolls.

Rural Fire-Rural Fire Association went after the City for the contract with Carmel Township, we are intitled to part of the \$65,000 for one year settlement. Supervisor Thering will be reaching out to Rural Fire.

Public Comment-

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:31p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Starkweather, MOTION CARRIED.