WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Whitewater Township Hall, 5177 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
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REGULAR MEETING
Approved MINUTES
Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:
Supervisor Slopsema called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Wendy Hoeksema called Roll.

Present:
Supervisor Linda Slopsema
Clerk Wendy Hoeksema
Treasurer Jill Koester
Trustee Tim Arends
Trustee Randy Mielnik

A quorum was established.

Absent: None.

ALSO PRESENT:
Recording Secretary Kay Held

SET/ADJUST/APPROVE AGENDA:

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Hoeksema seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public commented.

PUBLIC HEARING – SKEGEMOG POINT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL (SAD):

Open Public Hearing / State Time:

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Arends seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Note: The Public Hearing opened at 6:39 p.m.

Request Attendees to Sign Attendance Sheet:

State Dates of Public Hearing Notice Publication:
The Public Hearing was noticed in the Traverse City Record Eagle on 9/29/25 and the Elk Rapids News on 9/25/25 and 10/2/25.

State Purpose of Public Hearing: Skegemog Point Improvement Special Assessment Roll (SAD).

Written Comments Received:
Mark Taylor.

Receive Public Comment:

Comments In the Meeting Room:

M. Jacobson: He is opposed to having the road paved; thinks it should return to gravel.

Comments Via Zoom:

K. Boyd: No specific comment on SAD – concerned about Zoom link correctness.

Note: The Board suggested suspending the Public Hearing and reopening it after completion of other business to resolve Zoom issues and allow commenters to get online via the Zoom link.

Close Public Hearing:

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Arends seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Note: The Public Hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive and File:

Correspondence:
Mr. Mark Krinock – Civil Infractions Ordinance

REMOVE FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:
Minutes for Approval:
https://www.whitewatertownshipmi.gov/township-board--subcommittee-meeting-minutes.html
September 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Bills for Approval – Clerk Hoeksema:

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Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to accept the Consent Calendar as amended. Mr. Arends seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
September 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Edits of the draft Minutes were forwarded to the Clerk and Board for review. Changes will be made.

Board Action: Mr. Arends made a motion to approve the September 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Ms. Slopsema seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Any Parks & Recreation Items:
Verbal report given on current electrical upgrade and past Hallo-weekend event.

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to take a five-minute pause of the meeting at 6:53 p.m. for the LIAA representative to reset the Zoom link as viewers/callers were unable to access Zoom. Ms. Hoeksema seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

Supervisor Slopsema announced the Zoom link, which is the same standard Township Board link as has been used in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of a Planning Commission Recommendation Regarding a Citizen Filed Zoning Amendment #2025-03 – Mr. Mielnik:

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to deny Zoning Amendment #2025-03, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Whitewater Township Planning Commission and the findings provided in correspondence dated 9/30/25. The Township Board concurs with and accepts the findings and the conclusions provided by the Planning Commission that were unanimously approved at their meeting on 9/3/25. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion.

VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Board Action: Mr. Arends made a motion to approve Zoning Amendment #90-2025-04 in accordance with the recommendation made by the Whitewater Township Planning Commission in the findings provided in correspondence dated 9/30/25. The Township Board concurs with and accepts the findings and conclusions provided by the Planning Commission that were unanimously approved at their meeting on 9/3/25. Ms. Hoeksema seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Review of General Ordinance No. 35 – Bicycles, Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Scooters and Skateboards:
Board discussion. Consensus to table and talk about at future meetings.

Board Discussion of Post Office Announcement of Moving Facility:
There was Board consensus for the Fire Chief and Township Supervisor to reach out to the Postmaster General to initiate discussion about possible opportunities regarding the current Fire Hall.

REOPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to reopen the Public Hearing. Ms. Koester seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried

Note: The Public Hearing re-opened at 7:28 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments In the Meeting Room: None.

Comments Via Zoom:

M. Varley: Expressed concerns about tree cutting.

Comments in the Meeting Room:

L. Varley: Had concerns regarding tree canopy and questions regarding process.

G. Qualmann: Had questions (answered by Supervisor) regarding trees and cost.

Board Action: Ms. Slopsema made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Arends seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

Note: The Public Hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED SKEGEMOG POINT IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL AND ASSOCIATE RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATIONS:
Board discussion and explanation was given of cost, with financial overview of project and planned payment options.

Board Action:
Ms. Slopsema made a motion to approve the Skegemog Point Special Assessment District Resolution No. 2025-18, Act 188, Resolution 4 of 4. She read the entire document aloud into the record. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Arends-Y, Slopsema-Y, Koester-Y, Mielnik-Y, Hoeksema-Y. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:
Discussion continued regarding SAD and meeting again with the Road Commission for resident input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Township Board Meetings:
Township Board Regular Meeting, **Thursday, 10/23/25, 9:00 a.m., Whitewater Township Hall**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public commented.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Slopsema made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Koester seconded the motion.
VOTE: YEAS: All. NAYES: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary
Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk