WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, 8:00 AM
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
Phone: 231-267-5141 / Fax: 231-267-9020

At this time, the Board invites everyone to silence their electronic devices.

Whitewater Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon reasonable advance notice. Contact the Township Clerk at clerk@whitewatertownshipmi.gov at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call of Board Members

C. Approve Meeting Agenda

D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

E. Public Comment. Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the township board. Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the following board rules and procedures:

1. Comments shall be directed to the board, with questions directed to the chair.
2. Any person wishing to address the board shall speak from the lectern, please state your name and relationship to the township.
3. Persons may address the board on matters that are relevant to Whitewater Township government issues.
4. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once per comment period. The chair shall control the amount of time each person shall not exceed 3 minutes.
5. In order to avoid unscheduled debates, the board generally will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement.
6. To maintain order, comments should be respectful to all parties.

F. New Business

1. Fire Chief Status
2. Assistant Fire Chief compensation

G. Announcements

Next Township Board Meeting: **SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, 9:00 AM**

Board Member Announcements

H. Public Comment

I. Board Comments/Discussion

J. Adjournment

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DATE: 09.14.2026

TO: WWT Board

FROM: Supervisor Linda Slopsema

SUBJECT: 2026/2027 Assistant Fire Chief Wages

During the budget approvals for 2026/2027, the annual salary stipend for the Assistant Fire Chief was eliminated.

Since that time, this position has needed to step up and assist with operations. Trustee Arends did a local survey of (3) local departments for comparison:

POSITION	WWT 2025/2026	Milton Twp	Elk Rapids Twp	Metro Fire
Ast / Dep Chief	$4,420 + hourly	$3,862 + hourly	$3,000 + hourly	$107,195 ($51.53/hr)

Based on this comparative information and past practice at Whitewater Township, I recommend we re-institute the fire salary stipend by updating the 2026/2027 salary schedule (see attached).

MOTION:

Motion to amend the 2026/2027 salary schedule to reinstate salary for Assistant Fire Chief position as presented and to issue retroactive pay to 4/1/2026.

Whitewater Township, Michigan

SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Approved by the Township Board on March 26, 2026

Amended 09.16.2026

SALARIES:	2025/2026	2026/2027
Supervisor	$23,000	$23,000
Clerk	$46,600	$46,600
Treasurer	$31,000	$31,000
Trustee	$225/meeting	$225/meeting
Recording Secretary	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/ hour beyond 2 hours. $125/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/ hour beyond 2 hours. $150/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.
Board of Review	$75/meeting or $16/hour	$75/meeting $25/hour beyond 3 hours
Assessor	$100/month or $25/hour	$100/month N/A
Abandoned Buildings Hearing Officer	$109 per case	$109 per case
Planning Commission Chairperson - Regular Meetings	$175/meeting	$300/meeting
Planning Commission Chairperson - Special Meetings	$175/meeting	$175/meeting
Planning Commission Members	$95/meeting	$95/meeting
Planning Commission Subcommittee (including chair)	$95/meeting	$95/meeting
Planning Commission Recording Secretary	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/hour beyond 2 hours. $125/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/hour beyond 2 hours. $150/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.
Township Board Rep to Planning Commission	$225/meeting	$225/meeting
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	$75/meeting	$95/meeting
Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson	$120/meeting	$120/meeting
Zoning Board of Appeals Recording Secretary	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/hour beyond 2 hours. $125/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.	$200/Regular 2 hour meeting. $75/hour beyond 2 hours. $150/Special 1 hour meeting and $75/hour beyond 1 hour.
Township Board Rep to Zoning Board of Appeals	$225/meeting	$225/meeting
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Member	$75/meeting	$75/meeting
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chairperson	$120/meeting	$120/meeting
Twp Board Rep to Parks & Recreation Adv Committee	$225/meeting	$225/meeting
Subcommittee Member (ROS & ROWG)	$75/meeting	$75/meeting
Subcommittee Chairperson (ROS & ROWG)	$120/meeting	$120/meeting
Zoning Administrator	$51,000	$52,400
Fire Chief	$73,700	$77,800
Assistant Fire Chief	$4,420	**$4,539**
Additional Activities Compensation Program	$25.00/hour	$27.50/hour

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