WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – OCTOBER 8, 2026, 6:30 PM

5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
Phone: 231-267-5141 / Fax: 231-267-9020

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https://www.youtube.com/@whitewatertownship/live

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. Set / Adjust / 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. Public Hearing - NONE

G. Presentations/Announcements

1. Correspondence Received – (Verbal Hoeksema)

H. Consent Calendar

1. Consideration of approval of a special use permit to accommodate an outdoor wedding reception in 2027.
2. Bills for Approval

I. Approval of Minutes: SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
https://www.whitewatertownshipmi.gov/township-board--subcommittee-meeting-minutes.html

J. Unfinished Business

1. ANY PARK & RECREATION ITEMS
2. ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT ITEM
    - New Fire Chief – Next Steps Discussion
3. 5-Year Community Recreation Plan – Discussion / Next Steps - Mielnik
4. Land Division Ordinance attorney recommendations and corresponding Private Road Ordinance - Mielnik

K. New Business

1. Township Supervisor Resignation – Next Steps Discussion
2.

L. Tabled Items - NONE

M. Announcements

Next Township Board Meeting: **OCTOBER 22, 2026**

Board Member Announcements

N. Public Comment

O. Board Comments/Discussion

P. Adjournment

Whitewater Township
Board Communication

Date: **October 1, 2026**

From: **Tim Arends, Trustee/Deputy Supervisor**

Subject: **Temporary Use Permit Request**

Per the Zoning Ordinance, a temporary use permit requires Board approval to set any fees or conditions for a Temporary Special Use Permit.

A request has been made by Emma Thompson to hold an outdoor wedding reception at 10964 Innis Lane for July of 2027.

Parking will be maintained on the premises as most guests will be arriving via shuttle service. Guests will arrive starting at 4 p.m. and the event will end at 10 p.m.

A $150 permit fee has been paid to the township.

My only request was that they notify the nearly eight surrounding property owners to advise them of the activity which was agreed to. If any other board member has additional concerns or conditions they would like to offer they can be incorporated into the motion.

I see no issues with allowing this request and would recommend Board approval. If you agree with this recommendation the following motion would be appropriate:

THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZES A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FOR AN OUTDOOR WEDDING TO BE HELD IN JULY 2027 AT 10964 INNIS LANE WITH CONDITIONS AS EXPRESSED IN THE MEMO.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL REPORT FOR WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

EXP CHECK RUN DATE 10/09/2026

GL Number	GL # Line Desc	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Amount	Available Budget	Pct Used
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND							
Department: 101 Township Board							
101-101-727	Office Supplies & Expense	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	CLERK CC-SEPT	167.42	1,034.07	55.04
101-101-802	Audit & Accounting Servic	MANER COSTERISAN	09/22/2026	89499	2,043.00	(11,446.20)	125.44
101-101-853	Finance Charges	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	Multiple	43.49	(112.64)	
101-101-901	Publishing	TC RECORD-EAGLE, IN	09/08/2026	08262055	333.80	(670.26)	126.81
101-101-925	Cellular Phone	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/08/2026	09/30/2026	280.52	1,105.92	43.29
			Total Department 101 Township Board		2,868.23		
Department: 171 Supervisor							
101-171-727	Office Supplies & Expense	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	SUPERVISOR CC-	115.75	812.40	18.76
			Total Department 171 Supervisor		115.75		
Department: 195 Elections							
101-195-703	Wages	EAST BAY CHARTER TO	09/03/2026	09/30/2026	315.90	14,832.95	29.37
101-195-727	Office Supplies & Expense	KCI	09/24/2026	362802	54.57	5,018.61	28.31
101-195-728	Postage	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	CLERK CC-SEPT	664.65	2,330.97	22.30
101-195-865	Meal/Lodging Expense	WENDY HOEKSEMA	08/03/2026	09-03-2026	47.00	(185.12)	146.28
			Total Department 195 Elections		1,082.12		
Department: 209 Assessor							
101-209-803	Medical Professional Serv	MUNSON OCCUPATIONAL	09/11/2026	00256141-00	167.00		
			Total Department 209 Assessor		167.00		
Department: 210 Attorney							
101-210-801	Legal Services	FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZY	04/01/2026	Multiple	12,382.50	58,096.30	31.65
			Total Department 210 Attorney		12,382.50		
Department: 215 Clerk							
101-215-865	Meal/Lodging Expense	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	CLERK CC-SEPT	32.83	1,389.25	30.54
			Total Department 215 Clerk		32.83		
Department: 253 Treasurer							
101-253-860	Mileage Reimbursement	MARY ANN KASSEL	09/29/2026	SEPT 22 2026	30.78	232.00	42.00
			Total Department 253 Treasurer		30.78		
Department: 265 Township Hall & Grounds							
101-265-740	Operating Expense & Suppl	MCCARDEL CULLIGAN W	09/03/2026	60480TP	23.00	1,736.97	42.10
101-265-740	Operating Expense & Suppl	EPS SECURITY	08/01/2026	A988907	210.00	1,736.97	42.10
101-265-851	Internet/Website	CHARTER COMMUNICATI	09/21/2026	00535840109212	188.83	517.52	89.33
101-265-924	Telephone	STATEWIDE COMMUNICA	09/14/2026	4271037	187.92	2,034.89	35.40
101-265-931	Office Equipment Repairs/	SOCIAL EXPLORATIONS	09/22/2026	7664	2,530.00	3,920.33	12.88
			Total Department 265 Township Hall & Grounds		3,139.75		
Department: 400 Planning Commission							
101-400-804	Professional Services	GIFFELS WEBSTER	09/23/2026	138704	600.00	33,227.00	49.62
			Total Department 400 Planning Commission		600.00		
Department: 446 Road Right of Way							
101-446-846	Road Brining Service	GRAND TRAVERSE COUN	08/31/2026	700613	18,119.26	19,296.66	48.54
101-446-921	Street Lights	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC	09/23/2026	Multiple	77.22	1,510.81	32.85
101-446-935	Road Repair	GRAND TRAVERSE COUN	08/31/2026	700604	149,528.70	183,250.00	
			Total Department 446 Road Right of Way		167,725.18		

INVOICE DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 09/25/2026 - 10/09/2026
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GL Number	GL # Line Desc	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Amount	Available Budget	Pct Used
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND							
				Total Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	188,144.14		
Fund: 206 FIRE FUND							
Department: 336 Fire Dept							
206-336-728	Postage	MARIA HOEKSEMA	09/28/2026	FIRE PO BOX KEY	20.00	36.00	76.00
206-336-728	Postage	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	CLERK CC-SEPT	14.10	36.00	76.00
206-336-740	Operating Expense & Suppl	MASTERCARD	09/25/2026	FIRE CC-SEPT	(29.69)	10,088.44	35.12
206-336-920	Natural Gas	DTE ENERGY	09/22/2026	*7000-5	30.89	2,905.91	16.97
206-336-925	Cellular Phone	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/08/2026	09/30/2026	90.81	1,067.78	28.81
206-336-932	Equipment Repair & Mainte	FIRE CATT, LLC	09/20/2026	19083	2,134.00	6,859.07	2.01
206-336-932	Equipment Repair & Mainte	FLYNN ELECTRIC	09/28/2026	JOB #26-105	220.88	6,859.07	2.01
206-336-932	Equipment Repair & Mainte	REDMOND AUTMOTIVE,	09/25/2026	TRUCK TIRE BRAK	2,328.53	6,859.07	2.01
				Total Department 336 Fire Dept	4,809.52		
				Total Fund 206 FIRE FUND	4,809.52		
Fund: 208 PARK FUND							
Department: 756 Township Park							
208-756-740	Operating Expense & Suppl	MASTERCARD	08/27/2026	Multiple	1,087.66	(422.78)	104.23
208-756-740	Operating Expense & Suppl	STAPLES	09/30/2026	7011569469	206.63	(422.78)	104.23
208-756-743	Wood	MASTERCARD	08/27/2026	Multiple	1,950.00	5,134.17	34.18
208-756-812	Septic Services	SECURITY SANITATION	09/28/2026	I52987	330.00	2,083.80	42.91
208-756-860	Mileage Reimbursement	ROBERT J. DOHERTY	09/28/2026	AUG 2026	10.18	517.94	20.32
208-756-922	Electricity	CONSUMERS ENERGY	09/15/2026	Multiple	463.28	1,891.55	84.87
208-756-925	Cellular Phone	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/08/2026	09/30/2026	160.61	(242.81)	124.28
208-756-930	Facility Repairs/Maintena	GILL-ROY'S HARDWARE	09/21/2026	2609-601261	63.68	7,760.50	68.32
				Total Department 756 Township Park	4,272.04		
				Total Fund 208 PARK FUND	4,272.04		
Fund: 210 AMBULANCE FUND							
Department: 651 Ambulance							
210-651-920	Natural Gas	DTE ENERGY	09/22/2026	*7000-5	30.89	905.89	39.61
				Total Department 651 Ambulance	30.89		
				Total Fund 210 AMBULANCE FUND	30.89		
Fund: 811 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT							
Department: 000							
811-000-801	Legal Services	FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZY	04/01/2026	Multiple	0.00		
				Total Department 000	0.00		
Department: 901 Capital Expenditure							
811-901-970	Capital Expenditure	GRAND TRAVERSE COUN	08/31/2026	700605	188,378.12	507,800.00	
				Total Department 901 Capital Expenditure	188,378.12		
				Total Fund 811 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	188,378.12		

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		101-101-853	Finance Charges		43.49		
		101-101-901	Publishing		333.80		
		101-101-925	Cellular Phone		280.52		
		101-171-727	Office Supplies & Expens		115.75		
		101-195-703	Wages		315.90		
		101-195-727	Office Supplies & Expens		54.57		
		101-195-728	Postage		664.65		
		101-195-865	Meal/Lodging Expense		47.00		
		101-209-803	Medical Professional Ser		167.00		
		101-210-801	Legal Services		12,382.50		
		101-215-865	Meal/Lodging Expense		32.83		
		101-253-860	Mileage Reimbursement		30.78		
		101-265-740	Operating Expense & Supp		233.00		
		101-265-851	Internet/Website		188.83		
		101-265-924	Telephone		187.92		
		101-265-931	Office Equipment Repairs		2,530.00		
		101-400-804	Professional Services		600.00		
		101-446-846	Road Brining Service		18,119.26		
		101-446-921	Street Lights		77.22		
		101-446-935	Road Repair		149,528.70		
		206-336-728	Postage		34.10		
		206-336-740	Operating Expense & Supp		(29.69)		
		206-336-920	Natural Gas		30.89		
		206-336-925	Cellular Phone		90.81		
		206-336-932	Equipment Repair & Maint		4,683.41		
		208-756-740	Operating Expense & Supp		1,294.29		
		208-756-743	Wood		1,950.00		
		208-756-812	Septic Services		330.00		
		208-756-860	Mileage Reimbursement		10.18		
		208-756-922	Electricity		463.28		
		208-756-925	Cellular Phone		160.61		
		208-756-930	Facility Repairs/Mainten		63.68		
		210-651-920	Natural Gas		30.89		
		811-000-801	Legal Services		0.00		
		811-901-970	Capital Expenditure		188,378.12		
--- TOTALS BY FUND ---							
		101	GENERAL FUND		188,144.14		
		206	FIRE FUND		4,809.52		
		208	PARK FUND		4,272.04		
		210	AMBULANCE FUND		30.89		
		811	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT		188,378.12		
		Total For All Funds			385,634.71		
--- TOTALS BY PMT TYPE ---							
		EFT Transfer			1,323.05		
		Paper Check			384,311.66		

DATE: 09-28-2026

TO: Whitewater Township Board

From: Linda Slopsema

Subject: Notice of Resignation

I am writing to formally submit my resignation from my elected position as Whitewater Township Supervisor, effective October 2, 2026.

This decision has been made after substantial consideration of the needs of the Township and my personal responsibilities. At this time, I am no longer able to dedicate the time and attention that the position of Supervisor requires.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Township Supervisor since 2024. I am happy to have helped the township accomplish many improvements such as the following:

- Preserved $391,321 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds via quick action with Grand Traverse County finance and strict compliance to Federal requirements
- Established balanced budgets
- Addressed Township Hall heating and electrical problems
- Restored the working relationship with the county road commission
- Improved the working relationship with the tribe
- Completed the camping park electrical upgrade to provide more reliable service
- Worked with the county to get the (2) worst township roads with high usage repaved
- Improved the clarity of the ordinance enforcement policy
- Changed the zoning ordinance penalty to end criminal prosecution for zoning violations
- Began critical work on the land division ordinance with respect to Michigan's updated Land Division Act (Public Act 58 of 2025)

During this week, I will document in-process work and essential information to ensure a smooth transition. I will remain available as a resource as needed.

I have confidence that a member of our community will step forward to serve in this important role, and I wish the Township Board and the community continued success.

Sincerely,

Linda Slopsema