APPROVED	**MINUTES** **Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 8:00AM**
Special Meeting	**Whitewater Township Board** 5777 Vinton Rd. Williamsburg, MI 49690
CALL TO ORDER	Supervisor Slopsema called meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
ROLL CALL **Quorum established**	**Members present**: Supervisor Linda Slopsema, Clerk Wendy Hoeksema, Treasurer Sara Quigley, Trustee Randy Mielnik **Members absent**: Trustee Tim Arends *(excused)*
SET/APPROVE AGENDA	Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Quigley, to approve Agenda as written. VOICE VOTE: YEAS: All NAYS: None ***Motion carried.***
Conflict of Interest	None declared.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
New Business	Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Mielnik, to enter CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) to consider the written letters from our attorney Mr. Steven Schwartz dated 09/09/2026 and 09/14/2026. It is exempt from disclosure under Section 131 (g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.2431 (g) since this letter is subject to the attorney-client privilege. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mielnik; Yes, Slopsema; Yes, Quigley; Yes, Hoeksema; Yes ***Motion carried.*** ***Board members left meeting room area to closed office.***
CLOSED SESSION	***8:03 AM-9:14 AM***

Return to OPEN Session	Motion by Quigley, seconded by Slopsema to return to open session. VOICE VOTE: Yeas: All Nay: None ***Motion carried.*** ***Members returned to meeting room area.***
New Business (cont'd) **Fire Chief Status**	Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Mielnik, to accept the resignation of Joshua Morgan from the positions of Fire Chief and Park Administrator, effective September 11, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hoeksema; Yes, Quigley; Yes, Slopsema; Yes, Mielnik; Yes. ***Motion carried.*** Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Hoeksema to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Separation Agreement and Release on behalf of the Township. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mielnik; Yes, Slopsema; Yes, Quigley; Yes, Hoeksema; Yes ***Motion carried.*** Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Quigley to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to advertise the Township Fire Chief open position. ROLL CALL VOTE: Slopsema; Yes, Mielnik; Yes, Quigley; Yes, Hoeksema; Yes ***Motion carried.***
Assistant Fire Chief compensation	Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Mielnik, to amend the 2026/2027 salary schedule to reinstate salary for Assistant Fire Chief position as presented and to issue retroactive pay to April 1, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hoeksema; Yes, Quigley; Yes, Mielnik; Yes, Slopsema; Yes ***Motion carried.***
Announcements	Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2026, 9:00 AM
Public Comment	None.

Board Comments/Discussion	None.
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Slopsema, seconded by Quigley to adjourn the meeting. VOICE VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None ***Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM
Minutes submitted by:	Wendy Hoeksema, Township Clerk Date