

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALLENDALE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER SESSION 1ST DAY

The Allendale Township Board of Trustees met at the Allendale Township Auditorium, located at 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Elenbaas.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Vander Wall; Ms. Schuitema; Ms. Hansen; Mr. Zeinstra; Mr. MacDonald; Mr. Smit; and Mr. Elenbaas. (7)

Absent at Roll Call: None (0)

Staff and Guest Present: Bob Sullivan, Legal Counsel; Chad Doornbos, Public Utilities Superintendent; Mollie Bonter, Finance Director; Joseph Parnell McCarter; and Stan Roth.

Mr. Elenbaas pronounced the invocation.

Mr. Elenbaas led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOT 25-143 Mr. Zeinstra, with support from Mr. Vander Wall, moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

BOT 25-144 Mr. Smit, with support from Ms. Schuitema, moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting as presented.
2. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$183,122.87 and interim payments of \$115,384.43, as presented by the summary report for September 8, 2025.

The motion passed.

Items Received for Information

1. August 18, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
2. Notice of Hire: Mollie Bonter Finance Director at an annual salary of \$95,000.00.

Public Hearings

1. Township Operating Millage

Mr. Elenbaas opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

No comments were received.

BOT 25-145 Mr. Elenbaas, with support from Ms. Schuitema, moved to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. The motion passed.

Public Comments

Comments were received from:

1. Joseph Parnell McCarter, Georgetown Township MI

BOT 25-146 Mr. Elenbaas, with support from Mr. Vander Wall, moved to close public comment. The motion passed.

Guest Speakers- None

Action Items

BOT 25-147 Mr. Smit with support from Mr. MacDonald, moved to approve and authorize the Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign Resolution 2025-06: Township Operating Millage, a resolution to approve the levy of an additional millage rate of 0.1149 mills, pursuant to the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law, and to establish the 2024 Allendale Charter Township millage rate as 2.7422, and to authorize Supervisor and/or Clerk to sign the appropriate forms. The motion passed.

BOT 25-148 Mr. MacDonald with support from Ms. Schuitema, moved to approve and authorize the Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign Ordinance 2025-08: Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Amendment; an ordinance that will amend Chapter 440 of the Code of Ordinances, concerning Vehicles and Traffic and provide for the effective date of the ordinance. The motion passed.

BOT 25-149 Ms. Hansen, with support from Mr. Smit, moved to approve the Updates to the Water Towers as presented and award the bid to Stoic Industrial Coatings, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00. The motion passed.

BOT 25-150 Mr. Smit, with support from Mr. Vander Wall, moved to approve the Library Lending Agreement as presented. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Mr. Elenbaas informed the board of the upcoming budget presentations for 2026. He presented the following budgets: General Fund overview including Tax Revenues and State Revenue Sharing; Board of Trustees; Supervisor; Treasurer;

Attorney; Assessing; Board of Review; Planning and Zoning; Historical Society; and Downtown Development Authority.

Mr. Elenbaas presented data of other local municipalities projected 2026 wage increases. He sought feedback from the board on how best to proceed for end of year wage increases for Allendale Township and informed the board he will bring it back as an action item to an upcoming meeting. The board had additional discussion on premium cost and employer coverage for health insurance.

Ms. Schuitema led a discussion on green energy initiatives and the closing of the Campbell Plant. She indicated that she would like to support the Campbell Plant efforts by asking the board to adopt a resolution. Ms. Schuitema requested that an action item be added to the next meeting agenda.

Several board members had questions and comments.

Public Comments- None

BOT 25-151 Mr. Elenbaas, with support from Mr. Zeinstra, moved to close public comment. The motion passed.

Board Comments,

Mr. Elenbaas informed the board that on September 18, 2025, the Ottawa County Parks Department will be hosting a town hall information session on the Idema Trail. It will be held at the Allendale Township Hall Auditorium from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He also informed the board that our staff has reached Blendon Township for an update on the proposed battery storage facility. As of the date contacted, Blendon indicated that no formal application has been submitted. Mr. Elenbaas has a meeting next week with other elected officials to discuss the topic.

Several board members had questions and comments.

BOT 25-152 Mr. Vander Wall, with support from Ms. Schuitema moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion passed.



Jody L. Hansen, Clerk
Of the Township of Allendale



Adam Elenbaas, Supervisor
Of the Township of Allendale