

**PROPOSED
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 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Elenbaas.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Elenbaas; Mr. Zeinstra; Mr. MacDonald; Ms. Hansen; and Mr. Smit (5)

Absent at Roll Call: Ms. Schuitema; and Mr. Vander Wall (2)

Staff and Guests Present: Bob Sullivan, Legal Counsel; Chad Doornbos, Public Utilities Superintendent; Lydale Weaver, Human Resource Director; Leslie Swart, Human Resource Assistant; Ashley Larrison, Head Assessor; Brant Mercer, F & V; and Kelley Place, Moore & Bruggink

Mr. Elenbaas pronounced the invocation.

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

BOT 26-141 Mr. Zeinstra with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

BOT 26-142 Mr. MacDonald with support from Mr. Smit moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting as presented.
2. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$1,189,990.02 and interim payments of \$398,285.66, as presented by the summary report for September 14, 2026.

The motion passed.

Items Received for Information

1. August East District Monthly Report

Public Hearings

1. Township Operating Millage

Mr. Elenbaas opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

No comments were received.

BOT 26-143 Mr. Elenbaas with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. The motion passed.

Public Comments- None

BOT 26-144 Mr. Elenbaas with support from Mr. Zeinstra moved to close public comment. The motion passed.

Guest Speakers

Chad Doornbos, Public Utilities Superintendent, presented Public Utilities updates.

Several board members had questions and comments.

Action Items

BOT 26-145 Mr. Smit with support from Mr. Zeinstra moved to approve and authorize the Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign Resolution 2026-13: a resolution to approve the levy of an additional millage rate of 0.1031 mills, pursuant to the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law, and to establish the 2026 Allendale Charter Township millage rate as 2.7422, and to authorize Supervisor and/or Clerk to sign the appropriate forms. The motion passed as shown by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Elenbaas; Mr. Zeinstra; Mr. MacDonald; Ms. Hansen; and Mr. Smit (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Ms. Schuitema; and Mr. Vander Wall (2)

BOT 26-146 Mr. Smit with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to approve and authorize the Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign Resolution 2026-14: a resolution to create a temporary work group for the purpose of identifying next steps needed to move the Towns Center concept forward and to appoint the following individuals to the work group:

Ken Smit, Work Group Chair

Robert Chapin
Lawrence Meredith
Paul Sachs
Amy Shuck

The motion passed.

BOT 26-147 Mr. Elenbaas introduced Ordinance 2026-12: Sewer Amendment Ordinance; an ordinance to amend Chapter 351, Section 351-80(B)(2), concerning fees to connect to the sewer system, to the code of ordinances, for its first reading.

BOT 26-148 Mr. Zeinstra with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to approve and authorize the Clerk and/or Supervisor to sign Resolution 2026-15: Emerald Springs Phase 2 Streetlight Agreement; a resolution authorizing for change in the standard lighting contract with Consumers Energy Company; and all necessary contracts and documents. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Mr. Elenbaas sought input on 2027 wages for employees, committees and boards. The board directed a 4% increase for all.

Lydale Weaver, Human Resources Director; Ashley Larrison, Head Assessor; and Adam Elenbaas, Supervisor, presented several proposed 2027 budgets.

Public Comments- None

BOT 26-149 Mr. Elenbaas with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to close public comment. The motion passed.

Board Comments

Mr. Smit expressed his appreciation that the Board decided not to pursue additional flock cameras.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Superintendent Doornbos and his team for their hard work. He also expressed support for the DDA moving forward with the sidewalk project, stated that he looks forward to the upcoming elections, and expressed concerns regarding GVSU.

Ms. Hansen informed the Board that MLive plans to transition its publications to a fully digital format effective December 6, 2026. She noted that, without a

physical publication, the Township may not meet statutory public notice requirements. Ms. Hansen is researching alternative options and will bring a recommendation to the Board in the near future.

BOT 26-150 Mr. Smit, with support from Mr. MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion passed.

Jody L. Hansen, Clerk
Of the Township of Allendale

Adam Elenbaas, Supervisor
Of the Township of Allendale