

WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
February 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Edward J. Murphy– Supervisor

Joseph Olson – Clerk

Dave Green – Trustee

Kristi Hollingsworth – Treasurer

Stephanie Baker - Trustee

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00. Roll call: Olson, Green, Hollingsworth, Baker. Murphy, absent (recused)
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Approve Engagement of Special Council to assist in pending tax appeal – The West Traverse Township Board meeting on February 28 addressed pending property tax appeals at Birchwood, involving golf course-related properties. The Assessor, Joe Lavender, determined these properties were not on the tax roll, leading to appeals. Despite no response from Birchwood to the 2023 notice, the properties were assessed in 2024. Preliminary settlement discussions with Birchwood's counsel were unsuccessful, prompting the need for outside counsel, Hallahan Law Firm, to handle the Michigan Tax Tribunal case. The board approved the engagement of Hallahan Law Firm, with Hollingsworth authorized to sign the engagement letter. **Green made the motion to approve the Law Firm of Hallahan and Associates per their engagement letter of February 21, 2025, in the matter of Birchwood Farms & Golf and Country Club and for Hollingsworth to sign off. Baker seconded. Four (4) ayes, 1 absent.**
4. Public comment – none
5. Adjourned at 9:05 a.m.