

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday March 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Olson, Hollingsworth, Baker, Green, Murphy

Approve Agenda: Hollingsworth made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Baker seconded. All ayes.

Absent: none

Visitors: Paul & Annie Mooradian, Ed Taylor, Justin Bassett, Helen Habicht, Kathy & Steve Erber, Mac Jacob

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Action Items:

- a. Consent to Entry of Judgement Discussion – the Board members discussed the paperwork provided in their packet regarding the Consent to Entry of Judgement and the Board's requirement to sign off on it. **Hollingsworth made the following motion: Consent to Entry of Judgement, now comes West Traverse Township and for the consent to Entry of judgement in the above matter states as follows: 1) West Traverse Township is a named defendant in the ligation. 2) West Traverse Township has been served with the Complaint to Vacate part of a Plat concerning two lots within the plat of Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club no 1. and its Board members have reviewed this Complaint. 3) In answer to said complaint, West Traverse Township does not contest the matters set forth therein. Therefore, West Traverse Township consents and stipulates to the relief sought in the Complaint with regard to the vacation of a portion of the Plat of Birchwood Farms, Golf and Country Club no 1. sought by plaintiff. Baker seconded. Roll call vote: Roll call vote. Green – yes, Baker – yes, Hollingsworth -yes, Olson – yes, Murphy – yes. Five (5) ayes. Olson will provide a signed copy to the Township lawyer.**
- b. Review of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget – Green explained that “AC” stands for “accounting”. Green noted on the revenue side, that more taxes were collected than budgeted as it is not known what is going to come in on the tax rolls. Green commented on the duplication from the Recreation Committee and Beckett & Raeder, that the Township is not paying for the Alanson Library or the Harbor Springs Airport Authority and that the maintenance/lawn care was higher this year due to the ice storm clean up. Murphy asked for any comments from the other Board members. Murphy stated this budget will be on the March 24, 2026, regular Township Board meeting for approval.

Public comments –

Paul Mooradian provided a statement to read into the record, see attached. Mooradian also pointed out a duplication regarding Master Plan and Recreation fees within the proposed budget as well as noting that under Planning Commission, Master Plan maps, the previous years have zeroes, had questions regarding capital outlay, and asked for clarification on certain budget items. Tamara Stevens noted concerns of the cost of the new office building and the need to reduce costs. Mac Jacob had concerns regarding the burning of the little barn and that the public needs to be informed of the plans.

Board comments – none.

Next Regular Meeting – March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn – Olson asked for a motion to adjourn the February 10, 2026, Township Board meeting. **Hollingsworth made the motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Baker seconded. Five (5) ayes**

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jay Olson, Clerk
Transcribed by: Amy Peters

March 10, 2026

To: West Traverse Twp. Board "Project Centennial" comments and concerns.

Site Plan-

-Ingress/egress sight distance and safety from M-119 and Lake Street. Entrance should be moved to the east. Why is this not being reviewed and considered. Has anyone discussed with the road commission.

-Location of building and topography of site. Building would be better situated if moved to the east. Also combining all parcels into one and creating a single parcel/campus makes sense. Why is this not being considered.

Building design-

Having been to two board meetings and two design meetings in the past two months it appears any suggestions to modify design and reduce overall costs of the project are not welcome. The design committee has made it clear at the 1-30-2026 meeting there are no alternative plans or scaled back plans being considered.

Notable design features to discuss-

Roof pitch has a blend of 6/12 and 10/12. I understand this is proposed to create different views and scale in its look, but it is not a cost-effective choice. Eliminate the vaulted/cathedral ceiling. It's a meeting room not a "wedding ballroom" most meetings have very little attendance.

Service entrance roof structure could certainly be reduced as well the side-lite on the door.

East elevation does not need to be a double gable. The floor plan can be squared while the roof gable is reduced to a single.

Wall Plate height- Why 10' why not 9' or 8' this can reduce cost.

Reduce some corners as well as the waiting room while reducing the double gable at the entrance.

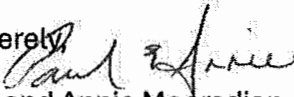
This is not a "legacy Building" it's a public service/administration building for administrative functions, various board meetings and elections. Removing individual passion and emotions is a must while focusing on common sense and good business decisions.

Adjustments in design and budget are of the most paramount right now. This project should not go any further without the above items of concern being addressed.

Why didn't the Township utilize the 2025 summer and winter tax bill mailings to inform property owners of the "Project Centennial"

We support a new campus and township building but not in the manner it is being proposed.

Sincerely,



Paul and Annie Mooradian