MINUTES
WAYLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.DRAFT

Call to Order at 6:30
Pledge of Allegiance – Kamyszek
Roll Call –Miner(P), Stein(P), Fryling(P), VanVolkinburg(P), Kamyszek(P)
Approval of Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026, and Approval of tonight's agenda.
Motion by Stein seconded by Miner.
Voice vote (Yes).

Audience (1st): No comments

Wayland Fire Department Report – The August report is available in the lobby.
Nothing out of the ordinary. The township ISO score is down to 5 which may positively affect some business insurance rates. They have a couple of new recruits and a high school student who is training as a possible future firefighter.

Sheriff/Deputy Report – Called out just before the meeting started. He had no serious items to report.

WAEMS Report – Kamyszek
WAEMS thanked the township for their support in getting the white board. The 50th anniversary celebration went well. They adopted the scholarship program to try to recruit and retain employees. This year they have received approximately 185 calls, which is similar to last year.

Cemetery Report – Kuhtic
Cemetery box reminder for future consideration. They are pretty well up to date on foundations. He will be working on improving the landscaping around the hall as time permits.

Planning Commission Report – Matt Miner –
Minutes enclosed – September 9.
Escrow balance sheet.
The SUP for temporary dwelling was tabled when the motion to deny the request resulted in a tie vote. They have a site plan review scheduled for the next meeting.

ZBA-Jim Stein No meeting

Approval and Review of bills
revenue and expense reports for previous month (fund 206 & fund 101) (GL)
check dispersal report last meeting to current (AP)
check register report last meeting to current (PR)
Ancestry annual renewal reimbursement to Judy ($229)
Bills and Charges accounts to be paid.
Two additional bills were received. One from KHC for renewal of Cove Data Protection and chargebacks from Allegan County.
Kamyszek will reduce the frequency of trash pickups after the fall clean-up on Oct 15.

Motion by VanVolkinburg supported by Miner to approve and pay the bills as reported.
Voice vote (Yes)

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Agreement with Apex Clean Energy Blazing Star Solar Project -Koches P.C.
Development agreement
Seth Koches P.C. reviewed the agreement with the board.
Three minor changes to the agreement were recommended.

Motion by Miner to approve the Development agreement with the changes listed below was seconded by Kamyszek.
Changes:
Modification of Paragraph D on page one to include retaining the rural character of the Township.
Specifying the fine amounts in paragraph g. on page 3.
Township notification name and address on page 8.

Roll Call Vote - Kamyszek(Y), VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y)
The agreement is approved.

Presentation of Agreement with Apex Clean Energy Blazing Star Solar Project -Koches P.C.
Decommissioning agreement
Seth Koches P.C. reviewed the agreement with the board.
Colin from Apex Clean Energy noted that there will be two bonds instead of one. A separate bond for parcels under PA116 agreements is required.

Motion by Kamyszek to approve the Decommissioning agreement was seconded by Stein.

Roll Call Vote - Kamyszek(Y), VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y)
The agreement is approved.

Presentation of Agreements with Apex Clean Energy Blazing Star Solar Project -Koches P.C.
Community Host agreement
Seth Koches P.C. reviewed the agreement with the board.
This agreement is separate from the State of Michigan Grants for Solar Projects.

Motion by Kamyszek to approve the Community Host agreement as presented was seconded by Fryling.

Roll Call Vote - Kamyszek(Y), VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y)
The agreement is approved.

Resolution 2026-10-ORD – Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
The ordinance was recommended for approval at a public hearing of the Planning Commission.
The Township board had no questions concerning the amendment.

Motion by VanVolkinburg to approve resolution 2026-10-ORD seconded by Stein.

Roll Call Vote - VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y), Kamyszek(Y)
Resolution 2026-10-ORD is adopted.

Resolution 2026-11-ORD – Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers

The ordinance was recommended for approval at a public hearing of the Planning Commission.
The Township board had no questions concerning the amendment.

Motion by Miner to approve resolution 2026-11-ORD seconded by Stein.

Roll Call Vote - VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y), Kamyszek(Y)
Resolution 2026-11-ORD is adopted.

Resolution 2026-12-ORD – Non-Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers

This resolution in addition to 2026-11-ORD is needed to legally institute a temporary moratorium on data centers. The resolution was not ready for Township Board consideration.
Resolution tabled

Resolution 2026-13-ORD – Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Solar Energy Systems (SES)

The ordinance was recommended for approval at a public hearing of the Planning Commission.
The Township board had no questions concerning the amendment.

Motion by Kamyszek to approve resolution 2026-13-ORD seconded by Miner.

Roll Call Vote - VanVolkinburg(Y), Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(Y), Kamyszek(Y)
Resolution 2026-13-ORD is adopted.

Insurance Renewal with BHS Insurance

Board discussion.
There was a brief discussion concerning whether or not the insurance was necessary. It was decided that the insurance should be renewed. Coverage for cemetery workers should be added since their duties have the greatest risk of injury. Option 4 level of coverage should be selected.

Motion by VanVolkinburg to approve the renewal of the insurance, seconded by Stein.

Roll Call Vote - Stein (Y), Miner(Y), Fryling(N), Kamyszek(Y), VanVolkinburg(Y)
Renewal of the insurance is approved.

Information on a new planner/firm for the township -VanVolkinburg
Representatives from Williams and Works were interviewed for the township planner position. They were previously considered for the township planner position but were not selected. They will have one primary planner for the township with several other planners available if needed. Engineer reports will be completed as part of their service. Cost for their services will be higher, but the service should better meet the planning commission's needs and will be primarily paid for by escrow accounts. They would begin work in November 2026.

Motion by Stein to hire Williams and Works for the township planner, seconded by Miner.
Voice vote (Yes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

128th St. property update – Draft Notice of Property Sale
The Notice of property sale was reviewed and approved for posting and publication. Sealed bids will be opened during the January 2027 board meeting.

Proposed fire code ordinance – Draft copy for final review before public hearing.
A copy of the proposed ordinance was given to each board member and to the township attorney for review. After the legal review the ordinance will be scheduled for a public hearing.

At large Fire Board position recommendation. – No change

Public Funds High Yield Savings Account – Kamyszek
Research conducted by Kamyszek indicated that utilizing these accounts for the short periods of time the funds are available would require considerable work and result in limited township rewards. The use of this type of account is not recommended.

Communication

Blood Drive at the township hall October 13 from 12:00 to 4:30
Allegan County Administrator's Digest, Sept 29,2026 is in the lobby.

Audience (second): No comments

Board Comments:
Fryling – The financial audit adjusting journal entries are complete and review by the auditors. All audit-related activities are now complete. The Public Accuracy Test for election equipment will be Oct 13 at 2:00 PM in the lobby.
Kamyszek- She is working on the Solar Farm Grant packets to help out Fryling. She is working with Ricoh on the possibility of electronic storage of files. A feasibility study for the proposed trail system is available for review.
VanVolkinburg – No comments
Miner – Thanked VanVolkinburg for the work getting a new planner.
Stein – The cemetery workers are doing a good job keeping up the cemetery.

Adjourn

A motion was made by VanVolkinburg and seconded by Miner to adjourn.
Voice vote (Yes)
Meeting adjourned at 7:52

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Fryling
Wayland Township Clerk