

**Ross Township Special Board Meeting
Budget Workshop Minutes
ROSS TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
February 17, 2026**

Attendee Name	Title	Roll Call Status
Christina Hutchings	Supervisor	Present
Mary Stage	Clerk	Present
Amanda Wiersma	Treasurer	Present
Michael Bekes	Trustee	Present
Lynn Harmon	Trustee	Present
Diana Langshaw	Trustee	Absent with cause
Todd White	Trustee	Present
Rob Thall	Attorney	Absent

Call to Order:

Supervisor Hutchings called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with all rising for the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda

Motion
Trustee Harmon moved to accept the agenda, supported by Clerk Stage. The motion passed.

Mover	Trustee Harmon
Second	Clerk Stage
Result	Motion Adopted: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Supervisor Hutchings	Aye	Trustee Bekes	Aye
Clerk Stage	Aye	Trustee Harmon	Aye
Treasurer Wiersma	Aye	Trustee Langshaw	Absent
		Trustee White	Aye

Motion	
Treasure Wiersma moved to accept the consent agenda, supported by Clerk Stage. The motion passed.	

Mover	Treasurer Wiersma
Second	Clerk Stage
Result	Motion Adopted: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Supervisor Hutchings	Aye	Trustee Bekes	Aye
Clerk Stage	Aye	Trustee Harmon	Aye
Treasurer Wiersma	Aye	Trustee Langshaw	Absent
		Trustee White	Aye

Citizen Comment:

Was opened and closed at 5:06 pm.

New Business:

Budget Discussion for 2026 – 2027 – Trustee Harmon reviewed the budget with the Board. During the review and discussion several changes were made to the budget.

Resolution	
Trustee Harmon resolved to accept amendments made to the budget, supported by Supervisor Hutchings. After a roll call vote, the resolution passed.	

Mover	Trustee Harmon
Second	Supervisor Hutchings
Result	Motion Adopted: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Supervisor Hutchings	Aye	Trustee Bekes	Absent
Clerk Stage	Aye	Trustee Harmon	Aye
Treasurer Wiersma	Aye	Trustee Langshaw	Absent
		Trustee White	Aye

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. There was discussion on different aspects of the budget. It was agreed to set at least \$50,000.00 aside for capital improvements, and work with the Planning Commission on developing a Capital Improvement plans for years to come. There were minor changes done to the budget.

Clerk Stage will create a document highlighting which areas accrue the most attorney fees.

The Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 budget will occur at 5:00 pm prior to the next Board meeting on March 17, 2026.

Second Citizen Comment:

Opened at 5:54 pm

Edward Foley – is interested in government efficiency, and would like to see bench marks on how Ross compares to other Townships in our area.

Kerry Lynn Eleiff – expressed concern on the fire milage.

Closed at 5:56 pm

Motion
Treasurer Wiersma moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Clerk Stage. The motion passed.

Mover	Treasurer Wiersma
Second	Clerk Stage
Result	Motion Adopted: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Supervisor Hutchings	Aye	Trustee Bekes	Aye
Clerk Stage	Aye	Trustee Harmon	Aye
Treasurer Wiersma	Aye	Trustee Langshaw	Absent
		Trustee White	Aye

A video recording of this meeting is on YouTube.

Mary Stage
Clerk Stage

Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Date