ANTRIM COUNTY

SEEKING SEALED BIDS

The Antrim County Board of Commissioners is seeking sealed bids for Restoration work to be completed on the Antrim City Schoolhouse including foundation and footing repair, framing and wall repair, crawl space access installation, and roof and soffit and fascia replacement. Bid specifications may be obtained by visiting www.antrimcountymi.gov or at the Administration Office (address below).

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Antrim County Administration Office, 203 E. Cayuga St., Room 204; or P.O. Box 187, Bellaire, MI 49615, received no later than 11:00 a.m. on May 22, 2026. All bids should be plainly marked "Antrim City Schoolhouse Bid" on the outside.

Each bidder is responsible for a mandatory site visit. Please contact Lyndsey Eccles at 231-599-2712 to schedule a visit.

Bids will be publicly opened and inspected by the County Administration Office (address above) at 11:00 a.m. on May 22 in Room 217 of the Antrim County Building. A recommendation to award the bid will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on June 7.

The County of Antrim reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularity in a bid, and to accept that bid which, in the opinion of the County Commissioners, is in the best interest of the County.

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WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY – APRIL 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. All Board members were present and a quorum was established.

The agenda was amended for efficiency. No conflicts of interest were declared.

ROAD COMMISSION UPDATE
Grand Traverse County Road Commission Manager Dan Watkins reported on winter operations, including storm impacts, salt usage, and road damage from flooding. Updates were provided on Cook Road and Skegemog Point projects, with wedge and chip sealing anticipated in late spring/early summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT HIGHLIGHTS
Residents expressed concerns regarding traffic safety, meeting accessibility, township finances, STR policies, and interest in evening meetings.

BOARD ACTIONS & BUSINESS
Website redesign approved (up to $3,000) with Clerk leading. Planning Commission continues STR survey work with a joint meeting set for May 14. Zoning reported 21 permits and ongoing complaints. Emergency Services noted consistent activity and need for enforcement tools.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Bills, reports, and prior minutes approved.

PARKS & RECREATION
$75,000 boat wash bid under review; discussion on reservation fees; seasonal staffing updates approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
Post Office expansion under review. Metro Act agreement for fiber placement approved. Civil Infraction Ordinance postponed. Recycle site relocation discussed. Brine contract for gravel roads approved. Speed signs approved (up to $10,000). Two items tabled because of time constraints.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Comments focused on spending priorities, transparency, and STR policies.

NEXT MEETING
May 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

These are a summary of DRAFT minutes which are subject to Board approval at next meeting. A copy is available online at whitewatertownshipmi.gov

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk

CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP

CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING HELD AT THE CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER APRIL 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER 6:05pm Pledge of Allegiance - Invocation

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE
Present:, Supervisor Jim Leffew, Treasurer Michelle Jackson, Clerk Christine Johnson, Trustee David Koss, Trustee Bob Underhill

Recognition of Visitors 11 in person 7 online via Zoom

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Johnson 2nd by Leffew to approve agenda as amended removing March 7 minutes as they were approved at the March meeting and addition of Spectrum accounts to Old Business. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

GUEST REPORTS
County Commissioner Truman Biccum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Johnson 2nd by Underhill to approve 3/19 Regular meeting minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Leffew 2nd by Johnson to approve 3/28 Special meeting minutes. Motion Carried. Motion by Leffew 2nd by Johnson to approve 3/31 Special meeting minutes with the correction of the date. **Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Treasurer's Report Written Report

Clerk's Report Written Report
Check Register Report / Checks for Approval
Motion by Jackson 2nd by Leffew to approve post audit bills. **Motion Carried**

Motion by Johnson 2nd by Leffew to approve budget amendments increasing BOR Print/ Publish $250, Treasurer's Dept Deputy Treasurer's wages $18,000 and Education $550 all from contingency funds. Motion Carried

Motion by Leffew 2nd by Johnson to approve budget amendment moving $6,500 to Wages and $500 to Education from Zoning to Planning separating those departments. **Motion Carried**

Fire Department Report Written Report

Planning Commission Report Written Report – meetings 1st Monday of the month at 6pm
Recommendation to deny the rezoning request for Gaylord property #004-016-048-12 from Agricultural to Recreational. Suggestion to resubmit the request to rezone from Agricultural to Commercial Light Industry.

Motion by Leffew 2nd by Underhill to deny the Gaylord request to rezone from AG to Rec.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Jackson, Leffew, Underhill Nays: Koss, Johnson Absent: 0 **Motion Carried**

Public Hearing set for the next regular meeting to consider waterfront use amendments to the Ordinance.

Parks and Recreation Verbal Report – meetings 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm
Focus on repair and maintenance before planning on any new projects.

Maintenance Report Verbal Report – Gordon will be out for up to six weeks for shoulder surgery recovery.

Zoning Administrator Written Report

Public Safety Verbal Report – meetings 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm

Roads Committee Verbal Report – meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm

SUPERVISOR CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS
Continental Linen account has been switched to Cintas for rugs and uniforms; however, it was discovered in the transition that CLS was under contract.

Request received from Luhr's Landing for a permit allowing them to deliver kayak rentals to Birch Street access. Request being forwarded to Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS
Spectrum contract expiring in May. Trustee Koss will look into getting bids for services to replace those that are either not under contract or expiring.

Discussion regarding the website and possible upgrade.

Patriot Park lease dissolvement court date set for April 30.

STR Ordinance Public Forum, Saturday afternoon in Township Hall gym on May 2nd 2-4pm.

Septic Ordinance Public Hearing set for May 16, 2026 2-4pm

Supervisor Leffew sending information regarding the ownership of the property on Round Lake Rd and feasibility of use by Verizon for a new cell tower to Legal for review and recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS
Facebook Page for Township
Motion by Johnson 2nd by Leffew to appoint Deputy Supervisor Andrew Hulburt to set up a Township Facebook page for a 1-year trial basis. **Motion Carried**

CLOSED SESSION Not Requested

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Treasurer would like to hire a tax attorney for tax related issues. **Motion** made by Jackson 2nd by Leffew. Discussion regarding MTA Conference with several attorney's attending the Expo. **Motion rescinded**.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Motion to Adjourn Meeting Adjourned 10:01pm

Next Regular Meeting 5/21/26 at **6pm**

Special Meeting for STR scheduled for 5/2/26 at 2pm at the Township Hall

Special Meeting for Septic Ordinance scheduled for 5/16/26 at 2pm

These minutes subject to approval at the next regular meeting.

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