

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

- Supervisor, Andy Gardiner, called the January 12, 2026, meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road. The meeting began with the ringing of the bell and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: A. Gardiner, S. Droskie, N. Weber, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke.

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Opened: 6:01 p.m. Closed: 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- Motion by A. Gardiner/N. Weber to approve December Minutes, Bills & Payroll in the amount of **\$22,616.75**, and Agenda. (attached)
Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, S. Droskie, N. Weber, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke.

MOTION CARRIED

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

- Supervisor, A. Gardiner, presented the Berrien County Sheriff's Report. (attached)

TREASURER REPORT:

- Received Treasurer's Report for December 2025. Winter Taxes were mailed out on December 1st and are due back February 17, 2026.
Motion by J. Yetzke/D. Baiers to approve balance sheet and bill summary. (attached)
Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, S. Droskie, N. Weber, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- **POVERTY GUIDELINES & ASSET TEST RESOLUTION 2026:** Resolution offered by A. Gardiner/N. Weber to approve the 2026 Poverty Guidelines & Asset Test.
Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **RESOLUTION CARRIED**
- **MEETING DATES 2026-27:** Resolution offered by A. Gardiner/D. Baiers to approve the Regular Township Board meeting dates for 2026-27.
Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **RESOLUTION CARRIED**
- **SALARIES 2026-27:** Resolution offered by A. Gardiner/N. Weber to approve the salaries for the 2026-27 fiscal year.
Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **RESOLUTION CARRIED**
- **INVESTMENT & DEPOSITORY DESIGNATION RESOLUTION 2026-27:** Resolution offered by A. Gardiner/S. Droskie to approve the 2026-27 Investment & Depository Designation.

Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

- **WAGE EXPENSE 2026-27:** Motion by A. Gardiner/J. Yetzke to approve Bainbridge Township Wage Detail Form for 2026-27.

Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **MOTION CARRIED**

- **TOWNSHIP CONTRACT RENEWALS 2026-27:** Motion by A. Gardiner/J. Yetzke to renew the following contract renewals for 2026-27: Mechanical, Enforcement, Plumbing, Electrical, Building and Zoning, Benton Township and Sister Lakes Fire Departments, and Coloma Public Library.

Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **MOTION CARRIED**

- **BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES:** Reviewed Board of Review Meeting dates for 2026-27.

- **FEE SCHEDULE 2026-27:** Motion by A. Gardiner/J. Yetzke to approve Fee Schedule for 2026-27 fiscal year.

Recorder called roll: A. Gardiner, N. Weber, D. Baiers, S. Droskie, J. Yetzke. **MOTION CARRIED**

- **BUDGET WORKSHEETS:** Reviewed initial worksheet for 2026-2027 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Opened: 6:18 p.m.

Mark Heyliger: Director of Berrien County Road Department introduced himself; he is available for questions or concerns.

Phillip Merkel- 2374 S Meadowbrook Rd: Phil was hoping to see the Pipestone Lake no-parking signs on the agenda, and wonders if the adjustments to said signs will be formally acknowledged and approved by the Board at the next meeting.

Mary Harrison: Director, Coloma Public Library. Mary would like to thank the Bainbridge community for the outpouring of donations in memory of Neil Krietner. They are purchasing books and implementing new programs with the additional funds.

Closed: 6:23 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: Motion by J. Yetzke / N. Weber to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

ALL IN-FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Droskie, Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full Board Meeting on February 09, 2026.

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.