

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Special Meeting – 2026/2027 Budget Adoption  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
6:00 pm  
Yankee Springs Township Hall  
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, MI 49333  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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YS Board of Trustees –  
Special Meeting  
June 24, 2026

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Rob Heethuis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**Roll Call:** Deb Mousseau, Dave VanHouten, Rob Heethuis, Larry Knowles, Tom Hopkins (All Present)

**Staff Present:** Dennis Buist

**Visitors:** 1

**ROLL CALL**

***Motion by Hopkins with support from Knowles to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes.***

**MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:**

***Motion by Heethuis with support from Hopkins to open the public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes.***

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

- The GLASWA water system budget for fiscal year 2026/2027 and the Yankee Springs Township budget for fiscal year 2026/2027 were proposed at the workshop on June 16. The budgets have been available for review in the office. The budgets have been amended based on the changes that were agreed to in the workshop on June 16.
- The taxable value of our township is \$434,287,084 from the warrant of the Assessor.

**Mike Cunningham** (township resident): He states that the budget is too high as it once again includes \$150,000 for the water system expansion. The water system should be self-sufficient and not subsidized by the township. The only benefit to residents not on the water system is the usage of fire hydrants and the township already pays for that. The water system also receives income from Sprint for the water tower rental. He feels that the fund balance is three times higher than it should be. The administration fee should be rescinded. These items should be discussed and voted on by the Board.

***Motion by Heethuis with support from Knowles to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote:***

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mousseau with support from VanHouten to adopt Yankee Spring Township Water System Budget for 2026/2027 as presented from Gun Lake Area Sewer & Water Authority with \$847,826.88. Roll Call Vote: Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by VanHouten with support from Heethuis to approve the 2026 tax rate request L-4029 of 1.5488 mills. Roll Call Vote: Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heethuis with support from Knowles to adopt Resolution No. 06-24-2026-1: Yankee Springs Township Projected Budget 2026/2027 General Fund 101 with projected Revenue of \$1,982,110. Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Knowles with support from Hopkins to adopt Resolution No. 06-24-2026-2: Yankee Springs Township Projected Budget 2026/2027 General Fund 101 with projected Expenditures of \$1,982,110. Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hopkins with support from VanHouten to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026-3: 211 account – Yankee Springs Township Fire Equipment Purchase Fund with projected revenue of \$80,000 and expenditures of \$75,000. Roll Call Vote: Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mousseau with support from VanHouten to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026-4: Liquor Control Fund Account 212 with projected Revenue: \$3,010 & Expenditures: \$3,010. Roll Call Vote: Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by VanHouten with support from Mousseau to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026-5: Special Assessments (Weeds) Fund Account 213 with projected Revenue: \$41,300 & Expenditures: \$30,450. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION TO ADOPT  
YANKEE SPRINGS  
TOWNSHIP WATER  
SYSTEM BUDGET  
2026/2027

MOTION TO  
APPROVE 2026 TAX  
RATE REQUEST  
L-4029

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-1  
GENERAL FUND

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-2  
GENERAL FUND

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-3 FIRE  
EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASE FUND

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-4 LIQUOR  
CONTROL FUND

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-5  
SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENT  
(WEEDS)

Motion by Heethuis with support from VanHouten to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026-6:  
Veterans Memorial Fund 293 with projected Revenue of \$2,702 and Expenditures of \$2,230.  
Roll Call Vote: Hopkins: yes, Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Knowles with support from Hopkins to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026 A1:  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:  
Supervisor at the yearly amount of \$33,461.90 / \$2,788.49 monthly. Roll Call Vote:  
Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Hopkins with support from Knowles to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026 A2:  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS: Clerk  
- for the yearly amount of \$36,157.93 / \$3,013.16 monthly. Roll Call Vote: Mousseau: yes;  
VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mousseau with support from Heethuis to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026 A3:  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:  
Treasurer at the yearly amount of \$34,169.94 / \$2,847.50 monthly with SET (School  
Education Tax) Treasurer Salary at \$7,879.52 / \$656.62 monthly. Roll Call Vote:  
VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by VanHouten with support from Heethuis to adopt Resolution #06-24-2026 A4:  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:  
Trustee the yearly amount of \$5,384.64 / \$448.72 monthly. Roll Call Vote: Heethuis: yes;  
Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Heethuis with support from Knowles to adopt Resolution # 06-24-2026 A5:  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OFFICIALS:  
Constable/Liquor Inspector at the amount of \$104.64 per meeting attended (as Constable)  
and \$2,890.54 / \$240.88 monthly (for Liquor Inspector). Roll Call Vote: Knowles: yes;  
Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Knowles with support from VanHouten to adopt Salary Resolution No. 06-24-2026  
B: Appointed Personnel and Hourly Employees. Roll Call Vote: Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes;  
VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-6  
VETERANS  
MEMORIAL FUND

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-A1:  
SUPERVISOR

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-A2:  
CLERK

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-A3:  
TREASURER  
& SET TREASURER

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-A4:  
TRUSTEE

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-25-2025-A5:  
CONSTABLE/  
LIQUOR  
INSPECTOR

MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY 24-2026-B:  
APPOINTED  
PERSONNEL AND  
HOURLY  
EMPLOYEES

***Motion by Hopkins with support from Heethuis to adopt Salary Resolution No. 06-24-2026 C: Fire Department Personnel. Roll Call Vote: Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes.***

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT  
SALARY  
RESOLUTION NO.  
06-24-2026-C FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL**

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mike Cunningham** (township resident): The Board did not take up any of the items that he suggested for discussion. He feels this makes a statement to the voters that the Board doesn't care about them and only wants to collect the money without giving any reasons. The voters only recourse is to vote against the fire/emergency services millage to lower their taxes. The township would then have to pay for these services out of the general fund.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

**BOARD COMMENT:**

**Hopkins:** Thanks to Deb for putting this together.

**Knowles:** Same, nice job, Deb.

**Mousseau:** Thanks to all who helped, typed, proofread and putting together in Power Point. The Fire Fighter breakfast will be July 4 from 7 am to 10 am. Terry Cole said that there will be a donation of more than \$1,000 coming from the Memorial Day Cruise raffle to the Veteran's Memorial.

**VanHouten:** Sounds like Terry's operation is pretty successful and we appreciate that. And Deb, again, you did a great job of getting it all organized and straight forward for us.

**Heethuis:** Incredible job, Deb, thank you very much. I thank the Board and I think it's going to be an exciting year.

**BOARD  
COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion by Mousseau with support from VanHouten to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: yes; Hopkins: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes.***

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Hopkins, Township Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:  
Betsy Frigmanski, Recording Secretary  
June 25, 2026