

Village of Waldron
102 S. Main St.
Waldron, MI 49288
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING
February 25, 2026

A public hearing of the Waldron Village Council was set by President Shawn Barnhart for Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building, with a special meeting to follow at approximately 7:15 p.m.

President, Shawn Barnhart, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken showing Council members Brian Bernath, Emil Gravelle, Allison Harwood, Stacie Shamplo, and President Shawn Barnhart, present.

Emil Gravelle moved to approve the agenda. Brian Bernath supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Trustee Emil Gravelle read Ordinance 26-06, An Ordinance to Reduce the Number of Trustees aloud.

The floor was opened for public comment on the Ordinance to Reduce the Number of Trustees. The members of the public present included Mike Stuck, who asked why the ordinance was needed. Discussion followed.

President Barnhart informed the public that to support the general fund budget, the board plans to keep the millage rate as close to the current millage rate as the Headlee Act will allow, once those numbers are received by the county.

The floor was opened for public comment on the proposed 2024-2025 budget. Mr. Stuck asked about the fire contract budget. A brief discussion followed.

Emil Gravelle moved to begin the special meeting. Allison Harwood supported and it carried with a voice vote.

Emil Gravelle moved to adopt Ordinance 26-06, An Ordinance to Reduce the Number of Trustees. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Ordinance adopted.

Emil Gravelle moved to adopt Ordinance 26-07, An Ordinance to Appoint the Village Treasurer. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Ordinance adopted.

President Barnhart stated the salary and wage changes needed to be voted on individually.

Emil Gravelle moved to increase the billing clerk's wages to \$16 per hour up to 24 hours a week. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Brian Bernath moved to increase Maintenance One's pay to \$21.25 per hour. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – no, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to increase Maintenance Two's pay to \$15 per hour on January 1, 2027, to keep in line with the Michigan's minimum wage increases. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

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Emil Gravelle moved to increase the Street Administrator's salary to \$1,200 per year. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – abstain. Motion passed.

Brian Bernath moved to change the clerk's salary to \$21623.68, based on \$18.08 per hour with an average of 23 hours per week. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – abstain, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$5,760 per year. Allison Harwood supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – no, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to increase the Code Enforcement Officer's hours from three to six hours per week. Brian Bernath supported. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to approve the general fund budget. Allison Harwood supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Stacie Shamplo moved to approve the water fund budget. Brian Bernath supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to accept the sewer fund budget. Allison Harwood supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Stacie Shamplo moved to accept the major streets fund budget. Emil Gravelle supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

Emil Gravelle moved to accept the local streets fund budget. Allison Harwood supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Brian Bernath – yes, Emil Gravelle – yes, Allison Harwood – yes, Stacie Shamplo – yes, President Shawn Barnhart – yes. Motion passed.

The floor was opened back up for public comment. There were none.

Allison Harwood made a motion to adjourn. Emil Gravelle supported the motion, and it was carried with a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Gravelle
Village Clerk

*Subject to approval at the March 10, 2026 meeting.