The special meeting of the White River Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Ron Bailey with the pledge of allegiance at the White River Township Hall.

Roll Call: Ronald Bailey Supervisor, Julie Goericke Clerk, Mary Kriesel Treasurer, Laura Anderson Trustee & Deb Harris Trustee. All Present.

1. Approval of Agenda: Anderson moved to approve the agenda for the January 29, 2025, special meeting. Harris supported the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed. Agenda is approved.
2. Approval of January 23, 2025, Township Special Board meeting minutes. Harris moved to approve the minutes from January 23, 2025, Township Special Board meeting minutes. Goericke supported the motion to approve. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting minutes from January 23, 2025, are approved.
3. Public comment: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes each. Steve Niezgoda updated the board on the bike trail.
4. Close the public meeting. Goericke moved to close the public meeting for the purpose of going into a closed or executive meeting under the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the following: Meet with the Township’s attorney in a closed / executive session regarding the pending appeal in Wackernagel v White River Township (Muskegon County Circuit Court Case No. 2023-003091-AW) under MCL 15.268 (e) and discuss a possible settlement thereof.) Harris supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Anderson – yes, Kriesel – yes, Harris – yes, Goericke – yes, Bailey – yes. The Board members will leave the room for the closed session.
5. Open the executive/closed session of the Township Board.
* (Purpose: To go into a closed or executive meeting under the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the following: Meet with the Township’s attorney in a closed/executive session regarding the pending appeal in *Wackernagel v White River Township* (Muskegon County Circuit Court Case No. 2023-003091-AW) under MCL 15.268(e) and discuss a possible settlement thereof.)
1. Close/end the executive/closed session. Harris moved to reopen the public session of the White River Township Board meeting. Kriesel supported the motion to reopen the public session. Roll Call Vote: Anderson – yes, Kriesel – yes, Harris – yes, Goericke – yes, Bailey – yes. The Board members returned to the public room to continue the public session of the meeting.
2. Open public meeting.
3. Discussion/Final action on *Wackernagel v White River Township.* Goericke made a motion for White River Township to direct the Township attorney to move forward and accept a mutual dismissal of the appeal in the case of Wackernagel vs. White River Township. Case no. 2023 – 003091- AW. The intent is to leave the trial court’s final order in place. Clerk Goericke and Supervisor Bailey will be tasked with the authority to sign documents in this case or direct the Township attorney to sign as necessary.
4. Public comment: Limited to 3 minutes each. none
5. Adjournment. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Kriesel supported the motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Sargent, Deputy Clerk.