

Waltz Township Board Meeting Agenda
46 W. Oak Street
Somerset, Indiana
8/10/2026

Old Business:

- Approve 1/6/26 minutes

New Business:

- 2027 Budget – Public Hearing- discussion
- 2027 -2028 Capitol Improvement Plan- Public Hearing – discussion
- SB 270 – Township Consolidation- discussion

Adjournment of meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

01/ 06/2026

Present: Megan Henderson, Lee Smith, Tim Drake, Michael Ruse

Minutes:

The meeting was called into order by Michael Ruse. There were video and audio issues with broadcasting and videotaping this meeting. The election of Waltz Township Board offices of Chairman and Secretary was held with Lee Smith to hold office of Chairman and Megan Henderson will be Secretary. The meeting was turned over to Lee Smith, Chairman of board. Megan Henderson moved to Old Business which is accepting the minutes of the 9/5/2025 meeting. Tim Drake placed the motion to accept the minutes into order and Megan Henderson seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed.

Then Lee Smith moved to New Business on the agenda, 2025 Annual Report. The board read and discussed it and Tim Drake placed a motion to approve it and Lee Smith seconded it and it was voted in favor of accepting it. Then the Waltz Township Assistance Standards and Guidelines were discussed. The board decided to keep the rent at the same amount as 2025 (1 bedroom \$600.00, 2 bedrooms \$700.00, 3 bedrooms \$800.00). The board also decided to keep funeral expenses of \$1600.00. Form 17 Salaries of board offices was agreed and signed the form to increase of 2% (Trustee \$7041.00 Board Member \$410.00 annually) for 2026. Then Lee Smith moved to the next item of Resolution to Transfer Funds from General to Rainy Day of 10 % (\$865.00) of unused General Funds in the 2025 budget; all board members signed the resolution.

Tim Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Megan Henderson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the Meeting

08/10/2026

Present: Megan Henderson, Lee Smith, Tim Drake, Michael Ruse

Minutes:

The meeting was called into order by Lee Smith. Lee Smith moved to Old Business which is accepting the minutes of the 01/06/2026 meeting. Tim Drake placed the motion to accept the minutes into order and Megan Henderson seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed.

Then Lee Smith moved to New Business on the agenda, 2027 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2027-2028 as well as Senate Bill (SB) 260 – Consolidation of Townships. The board read and discussed the 2027 Annual Budget. Changes in the General Fund were made to Travel Expense a reduction from \$400.00 to \$300.00 as well as Printing and Transportation from \$400.00 to \$300.00 as well as to ITA dues from \$300.00 to \$500.00 due to increase in ITA dues for 2027. The total advertised amount did not change for the General Fund. Tim made a motion to accept the changes and Megan seconded it and all voted in favor to make the changes.

The next item on the agenda was discussed which is the CIP for 2027 – 2028. Changes were made to 2027 with the addition of \$5000.00 for Cemetery Flagpole and signage. Tim Drake suggested that the Basketball resurfacing and the Pickle Ball Court would be combined for a total of \$15000.00 which totaled for the original amounts for both projects. This would give flexibility for both projects. Discussion was to reassign two projects from the Fire Fund to the General Fund due to balances in both accounts. 2028 CIP was discussed and the projects were Playground equipment, Tornado Siren and Fireman Air tanks.

The next item discussed was the SB 260 consolidation of Townships. Michael reported that the Waltz Township does not meet the requirement for consolidation at this time. The township received a 3 which is under the point amount required to consolidate.

Lee made a motion to adjourn and Tim seconded it and all voted in favor of adjournment.

Minutes of the meeting

8/10/2026

Lee called meeting to order

Tom order approve minutes 1/6/26 meeting

Megan 2nd - all approved

Review Budget - Mike explained revision ↓ \$100 each

Travel, printing, ↑ ITA dues \$500

Tom motion - Meg 2nd all approved

Public Hearing Capital Improvement Plan: discussion

give \$5,000 2027 - Cemetery

Fireman fund → General fund

2027 - Pickleball Court, Basketball resurface - Jay Driscoll contact

2026 bathroom update Community Bldg.

\$15,000 Combined - Cushion basketball, pickleball

2028 - fire van air tanks (general) Playground equipment.

\$ Tornado siren for \$35,000

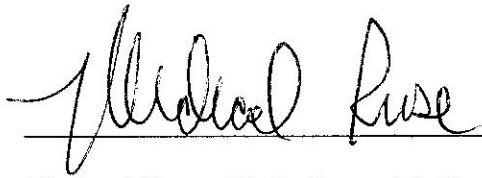
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Township Consolidation - discussion SB270

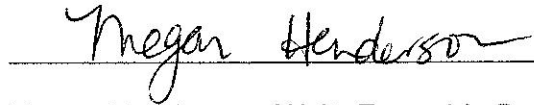
Self score tool - we are at 3 (4+ consolidate)

CIP

Lee motion to end, Tom; Meg 2nd all approved

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Michael Ruse, Waltz Township Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Henderson", written over a horizontal line.

Megan Henderson, Waltz Township Board Member

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyman Lee Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Lee Smith, Waltz Township Board Member

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Drake", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Drake, Waltz Township Board Member

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at **46 W Oak Street Somerset Indiana 46984**.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **WALTZ TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, Indiana** that the proper officers of **WALTZ TOWNSHIP** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2027** budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **WALTZ TOWNSHIP** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **WALTZ TOWNSHIP** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **WALTZ TOWNSHIP** will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Monday, August 10, 2026	Adoption Meeting Date	Monday, August 24, 2026
Public Hearing Time	7:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time	7:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	46 W Oak Street Somerset Indiana 46984	Adoption Meeting Location	46 W Oak Street Somerset Indiana 46984

Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$14,365
Estimated Fire Max Levy	\$14,269
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$0

Special Notes	The township assistance phone number for WALTZ TOWNSHIP, in WABASH COUNTY is (765) 981-2126.
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1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference Column 3 /Column 5
0061 - RAINY DAY	\$9,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	

0101 - GENERAL	\$69,060	\$12,210	\$0	\$11,561	5.61%
0840 - TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$10,800	\$2,155	\$0	\$1,872	15.12%
1111 - TOWNSHIP FIRE AND E.M.S.	\$26,000	\$14,269	\$0	\$13,433	6.22%
Totals	\$115,260	\$28,634	\$0	\$26,866	

Budget Form 1 - Budget Estimate

Year: 2027 County: Wabash Unit: 0007-WALTZ TOWNSHIP

Fund	Department	Category	Sub-Category	Line Item Code	Line Item	Advertised	Adopted
0061-RAINY DAY	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges		Other Services and Charges	\$1,000	\$0
0061-RAINY DAY	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3B	Township Assistance Direct Relief	\$6,000	\$0
0061-RAINY DAY	0000 - No Department	Capital Outlays	Other Capital Outlays	4A	Machinery / Equipment	\$2,400	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Personal Services	Salaries and Wages	01011111	Salary of Trustee	\$7,181	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Personal Services	Salaries and Wages	01011112	Salary of Clerical Help	\$0	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Personal Services	Salaries and Wages	01011114	Pay of Township Board	\$1,254	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Personal Services	Employee Benefits	01011910	Social Security-Civil Township's Share	\$650	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Office Supplies	01012101	Record Books	\$500	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Office Supplies	01012102	Stationery and Office Supplies	\$500	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Office Supplies	01012103	Printing	\$100	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Operating Supplies	01012201	Operating Supplies	\$300	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Repair and Maintenance Supplies	2CC	Repair and Maintenance	\$100	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Other Supplies	01012499	Other Supplies	\$100	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Professional Services		Office Utility (Phone)	\$1,200	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Professional Services	3A	Professional Services	\$1,500	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Communication and Transportation	38a	Travel Expense	\$400 300	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Printing and Advertising	3C	Printing And Advertising	\$400 300	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Utility Services	3Da	Official Bonds	\$250	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Rentals		Office Rent	\$1,800	\$0

0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3I	Care Of Cemeteries	\$500	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3Ja	ITA Dues	\$500 \$500.00	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3Jb	Wabash Co. trustee dues	\$25	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3K	Community and Parks	\$4,000	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Other Services and Charges	3L	Weed Control Services	\$3,000	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Capital Outlays	Improvements Other Than Building	4C	Maintenance or Refurbishment	\$25,000	\$0
0101-GENERAL	0000 - No Department	Capital Outlays	Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles	4B	Machinery and Equipment	\$20,000	\$0

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0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Operating Supplies	2Aa	Record Books	\$300	\$0
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0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Operating Supplies	2Ac	Printing And Postage	\$100	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Housing		Housing	\$3,000	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Utilities		Utilities	\$3,700	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Food		Food	\$200	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Clothing	2 B B	Clothing and shoes	\$200	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Transportation	2D D	Fuel	\$200	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Health Care	1C	Prescriptions	\$200	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Health Care	1F F	Health Care	\$300	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Funerals, Burials, Cremations		Funerals, Burials, Cremations	\$2,000	\$0
0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	0000 - No Department	Township Assistance	Other Direct Relief	1A	Phys., Dent, Optom.	\$300	\$0

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1111-TOWNSHIP FIRE AND E.M.S.	0000 - No Department	Supplies	Other Supplies	2B	Firefighters Stipend	\$10,000	\$0
1111-TOWNSHIP FIRE AND E.M.S.	0000 - No Department	Other Services and Charges	Professional Services	3A	Fire Contracts	\$16,000	\$0
1111-TOWNSHIP FIRE AND E.M.S.	0000 - No Department	Capital Outlays	Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles	4A	Fire Trucks and Equipment	\$0	\$0

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UNIT TOTAL \$115,260 \$0

Pursuant to IC 36-6-9-9, the following plan should contain the proposed capital improvement projects for at least the following three (3) years immediately following the year the plan was adopted.

Capital Improvement Plan: Expenditures

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SB 270 Township Self-Scoring Tool

Answer each question, then select **Calculate Score**. A total of ~~40~~ points indicates "Designated Township" under SB 270.

Disclaimer — SB 270 Scorecard on Township Mergers

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 Township Name *

Waltz Township

 Your Full Name (First & Last) *

Michael Ruse

☒ I have read and understand this disclaimer

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ITA / DLS Management



SB 270 Scoring Tool

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Yes - 2021 Budget included 2021

No - 2021 Budget not included

Low Assistance Applications

Number of applications received for low assistance applications

0 - 100 applications received for low assistance applications

101 - 200 applications received for low assistance applications

Certified Budget Less Than \$100,000

Number of applications received for certified budget less than \$100,000

0 - 100 applications received for certified budget less than \$100,000

101 - 200 applications received for certified budget less than \$100,000

Trustee Ballot / Vacancy

Number of applications received for trustee ballot / vacancy

0 - 100 applications received for trustee ballot / vacancy

101 - 200 applications received for trustee ballot / vacancy

9 Township Board Ballot / Vacancy

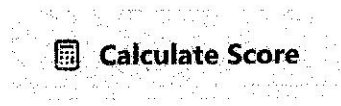
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- Was there a candidate for all offices of the township board in 2018 OR 2022, OR has there been a board vacancy of 30+ days as of July 1, 2026?



SB 270 Scoring Tool

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Waltz Township

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Total Points

Recipient Township (0-3)

1	Township Assistance (2023-2024)	0
2	Fire / EMS Management	1
3	Annual Finance Report – 2023	0
3	Annual Finance Report – 2024	0
4	Monthly Uploads – 2024	0
4	Monthly Uploads – 2025	0
5	Budget Continued – 2024	0
5	Budget Continued – 2025	0
6	Assistance Applications (fewer than 24)	0
7	Certified Budget less than \$100k (2025)	0
8	Trustee Ballot/Vacancy (max 1)	0
9	Board Ballot/Vacancy (max 1)	0



SB 270 Merger Timeline



SB 270 Scoring Tool

Dec 31, 2026

DLGF publishes the statewide township evaluation and designated-township list.

Jan 1, 2027

Voluntary mergers may begin.

Mar 31, 2027

Deadline to appeal the DLGF designation score

Jun 30, 2027

Critical cutoff — to avoid a mandatory merger, a township must have started a genuine voluntary merger process by this date.

Jun 30, 2027

DLGF final report.

Aug 1, 2027

County executives hold countywide meetings for trustees on required mergers.

Oct 1, 2027

Designated townships adopt reorganization resolutions; county executives adopt merger resolutions.

Jan 1, 2028

County merger reports due; voluntary mergers completed in 2027 become effective.

Feb 28, 2028

Merger documents, budgets, and tax levies submitted.

Mar 1, 2028

Joint reorganization boards and complete plans due.

Dec 31, 2028

Last day for existing township governments and elected officials in eliminated positions.

Jan 1, 2029

Mandatory mergers and reorganizations become effective.

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