

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Township Board of Trustees was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Vron dran with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING: Board members present, Trustees Eric Beishlag and Janet Blossom, Clerk Sandi Whiteford, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Supervisor John Vron dran. Others attending were Amanda Falkenberg, Jim Slade, Mary Ann Slade, Rene Reynolds, Susan Vron dran, Will Trute, Corey Wells, Joel LaFontaine and Chris Bearss.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments received.
3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion supported by Ms. Blossom to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion Supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$18,483.02. Checks numbered 1286 - 1293 and 1295 - 1314 as well as EFT payment to the IRS and State of Michigan, voided check #1294. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Vron dran

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of September 30, 2023, the General Fund balance, including Schwab Money Market of \$4,688.02, 4Front and Horizon CDs of \$2,038,971.69 and the General Fund Checking of \$154,934.71 is \$2,198,594.42. Road Fund \$664,259.26, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$132,900.06, Tax Account \$1,088,296.03. Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet. Mr. Chapman noted that included in the General Fund balance is the ARPA Fund Monies of \$77,031.30. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received.

8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported the Planning Commission did not hold a meeting in October. Hungry Ducks will be on the Planning Commission agenda in November.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No split meeting requested or held.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** No update received.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Three zoning permits were issued. Mrs. Whiteford made a motion to approve full Zoning Administrator salary for Mr. Chapman until successor is appointed. Mr. Beishlag supported the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vron dran

Nay: None

Abstained: Mr. Chapman

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

Clerk will call candidates to setup interviews at a special meeting on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Blossom made a motion to refer Ordinances 4.18 and 4.19 back to the Planning Commission for clarity and enforcement. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

12. **8530 FERRY ROAD:** Mr. Trute reported that ABC Landscaping is beginning to remove stumps and resurface the parking area.
13. **RESOLUTION - EARLY VOTING SITE AGREEMENT:** Mrs. Whiteford presented the Early Voting Site Resolution. Election Commission recommended adoption by the Board of Trustees. Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Vron dran
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Approved.
14. **POLICY - MEETING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP:** Following discussion, the proposed policy will be submitted to the Township Attorney for review.

- 15. DRY HYDRANT UPDATE:** Mrs. Whiteford reported that due to schedules she has not received an update on the status of repairs.
- 16. JORDAN VALLEY EMS:** Amanda Falkenberg presented Jordan Valley EMS Authority year to date financial and run information.
- 17. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rob Reynolds expressed concerns over a variety of possible issues with development and lack of communication with “Tommy’s”. He also stated that he spoke to Mark Wells from the development company who told him it was unfair to post comments regarding the project when plans have not been presented. Marcia Passinault inquired as to the costs or repair of the parking lot at 8530 Ferry Road. Joel Lafontaine stated he is confused by lack of information. Chris Bearss stated he is supporting Rob Reynolds initiative regarding Tommy’s. Bob Leddy thanked the board for the speed signs and Ron Chapman for the time he spent researching. Expressed concern over lack of communication from Tommy’s. Suggested possible use of zoom for meetings.
- 18. BOARD COMMENTS:** Mr. Beishlag stated the Township is lucky to have three candidates for the position of Zoning Administrator. He also stated that presenting information is up to Tommy’s. Planning Commission will accept information at public meetings. The Zoning Administrator may speak to the ordinances, not for the Planning Commission or Board of Trustees. Mr. Chapman stated that Tommy’s declined attendance to the October Planning Meeting. Board members and Planning Commission are concerned regarding a possible project. There is a planning process which the Planning Commission will work through when and if plans are presented. Ms. Blossom stated that the bid for repairs on 8530 Ferry Road parking area is \$10,000. Upkeep on the parking area will be about \$65.00 during weed season to help keep weeds under control. ARPA Funds have been distributed for EMS needs, speed limit signs and will be put towards dry-hydrant repairs. Mrs. Whiteford stated that the new website is near completion and asked the Board members if anyone wanted different photos for the website and how many years of minutes to maintain on the website. Everyone was OK with current website portraits. Following short discussion, it was agreed three years would be appropriate for approved minutes.
- 19. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:14 p.m. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to adjourn. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk