

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8525 FERRY ROAD  
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 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 and Supervisor John Vron dran. Treasurer Ron Chapman was present via telephone. Others attending, Zoning Administrator Will Trute, Kevin Shaler, Susan Vron dran, Corey Wells and Prudence Kurtz.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments received.
3. **AGENDA:** Ms. Blossom made a motion supported by Mr. Beishlag to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve the November 14, 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 \$142,028.35. Checks numbered 1356 to 1379 as well as EFT payment to the IRS. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Chapman

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of November 30, 2023, the General Fund balance, including Schwab Money Market of \$4,691.54, 4Front and Horizon CDs of \$2,056,465.45 and the General Fund Checking of \$167,913.05 is \$2,229,070.04. Road Fund \$664,703.39, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$132,988.92, Tax Account \$7,586.76. 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 \$67,111.30. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received memorandum from Attorney Graham regarding Public Act 233 of 2023 concerning solar and wind zoning regulations. Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to have Attorney Graham provide a detailed memo outlining the new Act and discussing the option the Township has concerning regulating energy facilities. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported the Planning Commission did not hold a December meeting. Mr. Trute and Mr. Beishlag attended the Tip of the Mitt Planning meeting held at the Charlevoix Library.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** One property 4-way split was completed for John F. Stack Trust.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Field work is ongoing. Completed December Board of Review.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Six zoning permits were issued. Greenbelt plan pending. A stop work order was issued on Ross Lane. Twenty-Two Short Term Rental Licenses have been issued. Once all renewals are complete there will be 38 total
12. **ARPA FUNDS:** Mrs. Whiteford requested that the board members come to the January meeting with ideas for spending the ARPA funds as they must be designated for expenditure in 2024.
13. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS INTERVIEW DATE:** Following discussion, interviews for the open seat on the Planning Commission will be held January 3, 2024 at the Planning Commission meeting. Board of Trustee Members will attend and participate along with the Planning Commission in the interviews.
14. **DRY HYDRANT UPDATE:** Mrs. Whiteford reported that work on Ridge Road Dry Hydrant has been completed sufficiently for fire department use. A new screen has been ordered for replacement in the spring. All three have been tested by the fire departments.
15. **ZOOM INFORMATION:** Having begun research on recommendations of holding meetings with zoom participation, Mrs. Whiteford recommended significant further discussion should the board choose to pursue the issue as guidelines should be established.
16. **TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER:** Articles for this year's newsletter should be submitted to the clerk by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2024, as it is due to the printer by February 5, 2024
17. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Corey Wells provided positive comments on the new website. Bob Leddy commented on the Neighbors meeting that was held by developers.

**18. BOARD COMMENTS.** Mr. Beishlag stated that Mr. Trute also attended the Neighbors meeting and has spoken to Roger Rehkof of Orion Development, who stated to Mr. Trute that the group has been unable to secure permission to connect to Boyne City sewer system, they are working with an engineer to create septic system, they are aware that they may need a special use permit, and must pay all costs related to the development review. Mr. Beishlag stated that the review of such a large project will take a long time if in fact it is presented to the Planning Commission. He also stated the Zoning Administrator may meet with the developer to verify completeness of the necessary paper work, but the Zoning Administrator can make no decisions. The developer will need to sign an agreement as to expenses involving the Township. Mr. Leddy stated that Rob Reynolds explained to the group that it is not the board's policy to attend meetings such as the "Neighbor Meeting". Mr. Beishlag stated that Zoning Administrator Trute, Planning Chairman McGinn and he would get together and give the Township Attorney and Planners a heads up at the appropriate time. Mrs. Blossom stated that the Planning Commission has faithfully used attorney's, planners and consultants and is sure they can handle this situation as well should it be presented. Mrs. Whiteford stated that the annual Charlevoix County Road Commission meeting for Eveline Township is January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to adjourn. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk