

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024
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, Trustee Eric Beishlag, Clerk Sandi Whiteford, Supervisor John Vron dran and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Absent: Trustee Janet Blossom
Others attending, Zoning Administrator Will Trute, Corey Wells, Susan Vron dran, Rob Reynolds, and Joel LaFontaine.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments received.
3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Chapman made a motion supported by Mr. Beishlag to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion Approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$91,813.02. Checks numbered 1380 to 1409 as well as EFT payments to the IRS and State of Michigan. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman.
Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Vron dran
Nay: None
Absent: Ms. Blossom
Motion Approved.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2023, the General Fund balance, including Schwab Money Market of \$4,693.27, 4Front and Horizon CDs of \$2,065,124.23 and the General Fund Checking of \$84,554.46 is \$2,154,371.96. Road Fund \$711,891.60, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$179,996.50, Tax Account \$1,068,994.22. 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 \$64,111.30. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received letter from Charles E. Ervin III regarding Washington Street. Received request from Hungry Ducks.

8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported Corey Wells was appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Beishlag stated that the Hungry Ducks request should be referred to the Zoning Administrator to check for compliance with the stipulations set by the Planning Commission and compliance with ordinances. Mr. Trute, Zoning Administrator will check for compliance.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No parcel division requested.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Preparing for March Board of Review.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Two zoning permits were issued. There are 16 expired Short-Term Rentals and 22 active for a total of 38 if all are renewed.
12. **ARPA FUNDS:** Mrs. Whiteford asked for thoughts on ARPA Funds expenditures.
13. **POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY:** Assessor, Joe Lavander sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration, the 2024 Poverty Exemption Policy. Following discussion, Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the 2024 Poverty Exemption Policy as presented with the 20% income increase. Motion supported by Mrs. Whiteford.
Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Vrondran
Nay: None
Absent: Ms. Blossom
Motion Approved.
14. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Rob Reynolds requested reflective post strips on additional signs.
15. **BOARD COMMENTS:** Mrs. Whiteford stated articles for the newsletter are due within two weeks. Mr. Vrondran will submit information for the Spring Cleanup and Mr. Trute will submit information regarding Short-term Rentals. The mileage reimbursement rate is .67 as of January 1, 2024. Mrs. Whiteford informed the board there is a vacant position on Split Committee and Board of Review, also alternate positions for Board of Review and ZBA. Mr. Chapman provided information on use of U.S. Treasury for investment purposes. He will keep the Board updated.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 7:29 p.m. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to adjourn. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk