

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 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 Clerk Whiteford with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING: Board members present, Trustee Eric Beishlag, Trustee Janet Blossom, Clerk Sandi Whiteford, and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Absent: Supervisor John Vron dran. Zoning Administrator Will Trute and residents Hal Wolff, Jim Slade, Amanda Looze and Brienna Roberts were also present.

Mrs. Whiteford made a motion to nominate Mr. Chapman as the moderator for the meeting as Mr. Vron dran is absent. Mr. Beishlag supported the motion. Motion approved.

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:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion Approved. Ms. Blossom abstained as she was not present for the meeting.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$25,646.36. Checks numbered 1410 to 1435 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, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Blossom
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Vron dran
Motion Approved.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of January 31, 2024, the General Fund balance, including Schwab Money Market of \$4,695.06, 4Front and Horizon CDs of \$2,074,109.30 and the General Fund Checking of \$150,375.21 is \$2,229,179.57. Road Fund \$817,611.05, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$285,535.25, Tax Account \$643,643.96. 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. Mr. Chapman requested approval to invest in US Treasuries for 3-to-6-month periods as the interest rates are higher. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approved Mr. Chapman investing in US Treasuries. Motion supported by Mrs. Whiteford.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Vrondran

Motion Approved.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**: Received memo from Attorney Graham regarding the new renewable energy laws. Received EGLE Pilot Communities information.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**: Mr. Beishlag reported no February Planning Commission Meeting was held. Provided information regarding Charlevoix County Planning Commissions efforts to develop an ordinance to enable land owners to sell development rights and preserve open space.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT**: Zoning Administrator Trute reported two parcel divisions are pending, one parcel division will be held Thursday February 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT**: Joe Lavender, Township Assessor requested approval from the Township Board of Trustees to have a third-party appraisal conducted of an ongoing Tax Tribunal issue. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approved the request for a third-party appraisal pertaining to the tax tribunal issue. Mr. Beishlag supported the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Vrondran

Motion Approved.

11. **ZONING REPORT**: One zoning permit was issued, 7 are in progress. Two Short-Term Rentals were renewed, two new applications were received.
12. **BOARD OF REVIEW**: The Township is in need of a Board of Review Member.
13. **ZBA ALTERNATE MEMBER**: Mr. Beishlag introduced Amanda Looze. Amanda is interested in joining the Zoning Board of Appeals as the alternate member. Motion was made to appoint Ms. Looze to complete the open term, expiring August of 2026, as ZBA Alternate Member. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Blossom
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Vrondran
Motion Approved.

- 14. ROADS:** Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to proceed with repairs and paving of Washington Street in Ironton. Motion was supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Blossom
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Vrondran
Motion Approved.

Mrs. Whiteford made a motion to proceed with bids for repairs of Phelps Road between Ranney Road and M-66. Motion was supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Blossom
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Vrondran
Motion Approved.

- 15. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr. Wolff spoke to his concerns regarding possible construction on his property. Mr. Slade expressed concerns regarding yearly renewal of Short-Term Rental licensing and septic evaluation. He also suggested removal of railroad ties at the Washington Street Road end, and the possible installation of a few stairs down to the beach due to a 1 to 2 foot drop off.

- 16. BOARD COMMENTS.** Mr. Beishlag stated that the Planning Commission can explore a three-year Short-Term Rental and evaluate the septic evaluation wording in the ordinance. He also stated that the Township Board can explore options in terms of the Railroad ties obstructing Lake Access and safety hazard. Ms. Blossom reported on the MTA meeting she attended, at which the Charlevoix County Road Commission discussed the road millage renewal and roads to be addressed. Eveline Township would have Ferry Road / Lakeshore Road on the list.

- 17. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Chapman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk