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EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8525 FERRY ROAD  
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 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 Sandi Whiteford with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDING:** Board members present Trustees Eric Beishlag, Rob Reynolds, Clerk Sandi Whiteford, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Supervisor Marc Pellegrino. Zoning Administrator Will Trute, Tracy Pellegrino, Chris Bearss, Gayle Andersen, Renee Reynolds, Jane H. and Art H. were also present.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Clerk Whiteford administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Pellegrino, Supervisor, Mr. Chapman, Treasurer, Mr. Beishlag, Trustee and Mr. Reynolds, Trustee. The meeting was then turned over to Supervisor. Pellegrino.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments received.

4. **AGENDA:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion supported by Mrs. Whiteford to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved

5. **MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AND MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2024:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 as presented. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved with Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Reynolds abstaining as they were not present for the meeting. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes, supported by Mrs. Whiteford. Motion approved with Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Chapman abstaining as they were not present for the meeting.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$70,984.80. Checks numbered 1751 to 1778 as well as tax payment to the IRS. Motion supported by Mr. Reynolds.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Chapman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

- 7. TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of November 30, 2024, the General Fund balance, including Michigan Class \$1,407,508.82, 4Front CD \$1,089,794.90 and the General Fund Checking of \$145,694.63 is \$2,642,998.35. Road Fund Checking \$17,564.01, Michigan Class Road Fund \$481,157.98, Total Road Fund \$498,721.99. Fire and Ambulance Fund Checking \$30,693.94, Michigan Class Fire and Ambulance \$0.00, Total Fire/EMS \$30,693.94. Tax Account Checking \$19,611.06 Michigan Class Fund \$8,383.17, Total Tax Account \$27,994.23.  
Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.  
Mr. Chapman then explained the various investment avenues used by the Township.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Chapman received and completed the Asset Forfeiture report request by the State Police. He also responded to the letter from MTA in support of State Revenue Sharing.
- 9. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported the December Planning Commission Meeting was canceled due to weather conditions. He also explained a Waterfront Greenbelt issue in Chula Vista, the request was approved by the Zoning Administrator with approval of Mr. Beishlag the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission.
- 10. SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Trute reported one land division was approved for the Bone property.
- 11. ASSESSOR REPORT:** Preparing for Board of Review. Members are attending required training.
- 12. ZONING REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Trute provided year to date zoning activity report. Consulted Attorney Graham regarding letter to be sent to lake front residents regarding boats. Has had communication regarding property across the road from the Township Hall and has had requests for information on food trucks.
- 13. APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to appoint Mr. Beishlag as the Township Board representative to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, and Kelly McGinn and Lorraine Sims to three-year terms. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.
- 14. APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REVIEW:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to appoint Patrick McGinn, Chris Bearss and Howard Colthurst to two-year terms on the Board of Review. Supervisor Pellegrino, by statutory duty will be secretary to the Board of Review. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.
- 15. APPOINTMENT TO SPLIT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to appoint Zoning Administrator Trute, Assessor Joe Lavender and Howard Colthurst to the split Committee for a three-year term. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

- 16. APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to appoint Lorraine Sims as the Planning Commission representative to the ZBA for a three-year term. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.
- 17. RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TREASURER TO OPEN ESCROW ACCOUNTS:** Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to adopt resolution 12102024, a resolution to allow the Treasurer to setup escrow accounts as requested by the Planning Commission and/or Zoning Administrator and the Township Board of Trustees.
- 18. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Chris Bearss inquired as to the effectiveness of the electronic speed limit signs. Mr. Chapman responded that the reports indicate results similar to the speed study. Following discussion Mr. Reynolds contact Zeeland as to how they are planning to involve the newly passed bill to affect their processes concerning speed limits. Mr. Bearss is interested in promoting development of a bike path or bike lane along Lakeshore Road, he will explore options for development and financing.
- 19. BOARD COMMENTS.** Mrs. Whiteford informed the board that the newsletter will be due to the printer the end of January. All articles need to be ready by mid-January for inclusion in the newsletter. Mrs. Whiteford also stated that the she is unable to do the snow shoveling. With board approval she will inquire as to Holly Landscaping also clearing sidewalks. Mr. Reynolds offered to shovel sidewalks until we find someone. Mr. Beishlag expressed the advantages to the Board of Trustees working in a consensus and how efficiently things can be accomplished.
- 20. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:23 p.m. Supervisor Pellegrino adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk