

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8525 FERRY ROAD  
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY  
TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2025  
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 Marc Pellegrino 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 was also present.

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 DECEMBER 10, 2024:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 as presented. Motion supported by Mr. Reynolds. Motion approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$32,220.09. Checks numbered 1782 to 1803 as well as tax payment to the IRS and State of Michigan. Motion supported by Mr. Reynolds. Check numbered 1779, 1780 and 1781 were voided due to incorrect printing on the checks.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2024, the General Fund balance, including Michigan Class \$1,463,107.15, 4Front CD \$1,093,874.91 and the General Fund Checking of \$121,008.17 is \$2,677,990.23. Road Fund Checking \$8,670.89, Michigan Class Road Fund \$533,071.76, Total Road Fund \$541,742.65. Fire and Ambulance Fund Checking \$21,803.90, Michigan Class Fire and Ambulance \$50,000.00, Total Fire/EMS \$71,803.90. Tax Account Checking -\$56,292.00 Michigan Class Fund \$1,310,325.33, Total Tax Account \$1,254,033.33.  
Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** No Correspondence Received.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported the January Planning Commission Meeting was rescheduled to the January 15, 2025 due to heating conditions at the Township Hall.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No splits were requested.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** The assessor, Joe Lavender requested via email that the Board of Trustees consider adoption of the 2025 Poverty Exemption Policy & Guidelines. Following discussion and explanation of the guidelines, Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the presented 2025 Poverty Exemption Policy & Guidelines. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Trute provided a calendar year 2024 report of zoning activity. He will also be discussing some possible changes to the Waterfront Greenbelt Ordinance with the Planning Commission.
12. **BOYNE CITY DISTRICT LIBRARY – BETH FREEMAN:** Beth Freeman, Eveline Township representative on the Boyne City District Library, provided a report and information on the services, use and activities of the library. For feed back on the library's many services, residents may contact Beth Freeman via email at [bethfreemanlibraryboard@gmail.com](mailto:bethfreemanlibraryboard@gmail.com) or by phone at 269-599-7817
13. **TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:** Mrs. Whiteford received letters from Attorney Graham, announcing the transfer of the municipal practice to Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches effective February 1, 2025. They will provide services to the Township if the Board of Trustees wish to hire them. Also received a letter from Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches outlining the offer of their services and experience. Mrs. Whiteford requested authorization to contact them regarding the proposed Earned Sick Time Act that is to take effect February 21, 2025. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approved contact with Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches regarding the ESTA. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.
14. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION PROGRAM – UP AHEAD:** Following discussion the clerk will schedule a presentation from the Up Ahead program. The program proposes to setup communication avenues for Township Residents for information regarding topics that residents may be interested in such as cleanup day, taxes and other time sensitive events.
15. **8530 FERRY ROAD:** Mr. Trute updated the progress regarding progress on the parking area and property cleanup.

16. **EMS MEETINGS:** Due to contracting with Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority, the Authority has requested Eveline Township to place a member on their governing board. Following discussion and request for volunteers, Mr. Chapman was appointed as the Eveline Township representative to the Charlevoix EMS Authority Board of Directors by a motion from Mr. Beishlag and supported by Mrs. Whiteford. Motion approved.
17. **CLEANUP DAY:** Charlevoix County has set Household Hazard Waste Day for June 14, 2025. Eveline Township cleanup day has been tentatively set for June 21, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to noon pending acquiring a contract with GFL.
18. **NEWSLETTER:** All articles for the newsletter need to be in as soon as possible as it is due to the printer February 10, 2025 for inclusion with the tax assessment mailing.
19. **HB4012 FEEDBACK FROM BRADLEY SLAG:** Mr. Reynolds reported that to date he has not received any feed back on how the bill is being used to implement speed limit changes.
20. **W4 FORMS & MILEAGE RATE CHANGES:** Mrs. Whiteford requested new W4 forms be filled out and returned for payroll purposes. She also informed the Board that mileage reimbursement rate is .70 per mile as of January 1, 2025
21. **PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments received.
22. **BOARD COMMENTS.** No comments presented.
23. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 9:20 p.m. Supervisor Pellegrino adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk