

DRAFT

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 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 and Catherine Kaufman, Attorney were 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 with change, allowing #16 Attorney to follow agenda approval as the Attorney was able to be present at the call to order. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2025:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2025 as presented. Motion supported by Mr. Reynolds. Motion approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$58,498.74. Checks numbered 1804 to 1834 as well as tax payment to the IRS. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

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 January 31, 2025, the General Fund balance, including Michigan Class \$1,618,918.83, 4Front CD \$1,098,106.71 and the General Fund Checking of \$59,470.1517 is \$2,776,496.05. Escrow of \$6,001.40 reported are for information only. Funds do not belong to Eveline Township. Road Fund Checking \$50,897.18, Michigan Class Road Fund \$605,198.43, Total Road Fund \$656,095.61. Fire and Ambulance Fund Checking \$59,031.79, Michigan Class Fire and Ambulance \$125,287.22, Total Fire/EMS \$184,319.01. Tax Account Checking \$196.87 Michigan Class Fund \$990,036.81, Total Tax Account \$990,233.68. Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk received May 6, 2025 Call to election. The May 6, 2025 ballot will have proposals for Charlevoix and Boyne City Schools. There will be no proposal, therefore no voting option for East Jordan School District residents. Ballots will be available by the end of March. Mr. Chapman balanced property values with the Assessor and filed the information with the State of Michigan. Received a letter from Crandall Trail Building.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported the Planning Commission discussed the Attorney/Planner information. Held three ordinance public hearings, 4.18, 4.20 and 4.6. Presented 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No splits were requested.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor Lavender is preparing for Board of Review.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Trute provided a year-to-date 2025 report of zoning activity.
12. **UP AHEAD PRESENTATION:** Tabled for further discussion
13. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL DATA SHARING AGREEMENT:** Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Data Sharing Agreement. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion approved.
14. **ROAD COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING:** Mrs. Whiteford stated that the meeting to discuss Eveline Township Roads needs as well as the Charlevoix County Road Commissions plans for voted milage is Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Reynolds stated he is unable to attend as he will be out of town on that date. He however stated he would like to have reflective material on the bridge at Advance, Olstrom corner signs and possibly others.
15. **LAKE CHARLEVOIX EMS PAYMENT:** Mr. Chapman requested authorization to pay the balance of the Lake Charlevoix EMS Contract which is April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 as members pay as taxes are collected.
16. **ATTORNEY:** Catherine Kaufman, Attorney from Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufmann & Koches, PC introduced herself. She stated she has a masters in planning and is general council with the company. Their procedure is to assign an attorney from within the company with the specialty pertaining to the issue at hand. Several topics were discussed, including ordinance review and direction, review of the entire ordinance, master plan and recreation plan as well as specific issues facing the Township. The charge will be \$180.00 per hour for the first year as agreed with Attorney Grahams municipal practice transfer. Following a short discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to

hire the firm Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufmann & Koches as the Township Attorneys. Motion supported by Mrs. Whiteford. Motion approved unanimously.

17. **CLEANUP DAY**: Mrs. Whiteford stated that she is waiting for the contract for the June 21, 2025 cleanup.
18. **NEWSLETTER**: The Newsletter is at the printer.
19. **HB4012 FEEDBACK FROM BRADLEY SLAG**: Mr. Reynolds is still attempting to make contact.
20. **ESTA**: Mrs. Whiteford spoke with attorney Steve Schwartz, was advised that the attorneys will provide policy regarding the issue once the legislature actually passes any changes.
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 8:32 p.m. Supervisor Pellegrino adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk