

APPROVED
Eveline Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Eveline Township Hall
8525 Ferry Road
East Jordan, MI 49727
Charlevoix County
August 12, 2025
7:00 P.M.

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Eveline Township Hall by Chairman Pellegrino.
Board members present Trustees Eric Beishlag and Rob Reynolds, Supervisor Marc Pellegrino and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Absent were Board Member Clerk Sandi Whiteford and Zoning Administrator Will Trute. Residents Simon S Vance, Donna Ballard, Dave Wilson and Tim Hall were also present.
- 2) **Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items:** No comments received.
- 3) **Agenda:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion, supported by Mr. Reynolds to accept the agenda as presented. Motion approved.
- 4) **Minutes – July 8, 2025:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the July 8, 2025 minutes as presented, supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.
- 5) **New Cemetery:** The Board made their way across Ferry Rd. to the location of a new Cemetery for the Township. ABC Landscape had completed excavating the property to the point where questions of the Board needed answered in order to complete their work. There were discussions amongst the Board members present as to what further work would be done to the berm along Mountain Rd., where the access points/roads should be relative to the terrace and in or around the main Cemetery area. In addition, it was discussed that the entire Cemetery did not have to be planned initially. Rather, we could outline the Terrace and southern portion of the main Cemetery for now and see how things go. Additionally, Mr. Reynolds suggested that an Ordinance for the Cemetery should be seriously considered. Before proceeding back to the hall Chairman Pellegrino suggested we maintain the profile/level of the Terrace throughout the berm north, tapering slightly lower as it nears Ferry Rd. The meeting then resumed in the hall at 7:20 P.M.
- 6) **Payment of Bills:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion, supported by Mr. Reynold's to pay bills in the total amount of \$116,418.13. This total represented check numbers 1966 to 1994, as well as a payroll tax payment to the U.S. Treasury. Motion approved by rollcall vote. All four members present voted in favor.

- 7) **Treasurer Report:** Township funds at the end of July, consist of General Fund cash and equivalents of \$3,247,078.29, Road Fund cash and equivalents of \$735,205.64, and Fire and Ambulance cash and equivalents of \$61,583.31. Tax Fund cash and equivalents were \$603,806.71. The terms and conditions applicable to the funds in the Escrow account being satisfied, the balance in the account was refunded to the property owner, leaving a balance of \$ -0-. All amounts balance with the Clerk's records, as evidenced in the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2025.
- 8) **Communications:** None received.
- 9) **Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Beishlag reported that Township records were reviewed by himself, the clerk and the zoning administrator, confirming that the Condo for which a building permit is being requested for Sommerset Pointe, was in fact previously approved as part of the plans approved by the Planning Commission.
- 10) **Split Committee Report:** No recent split, four thus far this year.
- 11) **Assessor Report:** No specific report. The Assessor is continuing the season of site visits to confirm assessment records with current conditions.
- 12) **Zoning Report:** Mr. Trute had provided a year to date zoning report, adding that in cooperation and with the approval of Township Attorneys, a letter has been prepared to be sent to violators of the allowable number of boats. They will be sent out later this week. In addition, the Planning Commission instructed the Zoning Administrator to have the grandfathering of narrow lakefront parcels and easements granted to allow lakefront access reviewed and recommendations sought.
- 13) **Sequanota Club – Simon Vance:** Mr. Vance referred to a letter to the Township, from the Sequanota Club attorney a couple of months ago. The letter expressed the Sequanota Clubs concern about the Township appearing to claim ownership of the property from the north end of Washington Street in Ironton to the lake and our apparent intent to turn the property into a park. The Sequanota Club had allowed residents to use the area, accessing the lake, but own the property and don't appreciate the Township's apparent intentions. He noted that the lack of response from the Township gave them the impression that the Township believed they owned the property.

Mr. Chapman noted that our lack of response was due to a delay in the review process by our Township Attorneys. He further noted that our attorneys were near completion of their review and deemed it appropriate to do a title search as a final step in their review. He noted it was not our intent to turn the area into a park. Our placement of one table, one bench and a bike rack was simply intended to provide minimal amenities to those accessing the Lake. Mr. Vance noted that in addition to the amenities, the Township had dedicated the area to a former official, and a plaque at the road end

evidenced the dedication as a park. He further noted that a title search seems to be another indication of the Township wanting to claim ownership. Mr. Chapman again noted the amenities and the dedication sign were innocent acts on the part of the Township. Chairman Pellegrino noted that he believed the timing of the letter was during a transition period, where the Township's attorney of many years retired and we were just getting to know a new firm. He also noted that he was new to the situation and would like to suggest a visit and walk through of the property with Mr. Vance. After discussion, they agreed to do so the next time Mr. Vance was up North.

Copy of letter from Simon Vance, Sequanota Club Representative attached to the official minutes.

- 14) **Bike Lane Update:** David Grayson provided a proposed cross section of Lakeshore Rd, with Bike Lanes. It shows roughly a 5' Bike Lane. He has reviewed the information with the Road Commission, including a visit/review of Lakeshore Rd. Though the Road Commission showed no interest in a bike lane as their agenda, they acknowledged the possibility. The only apparent problem area is at the Porter Creek area, where a bike/pedestrian bridge may be required. Mr. Grayson believes the next step is for the County to provide us required parameters for doing a bike lane so that we could have an engineering study completed for the project.

- 15) **Public Comment:** None received.

- 16) **Board Comments:** Chairman Pellegrino discussed the number of inquiries he has received regarding speed and safety on Lakeshore Rd. He wants to gather information for a formal review of the situation with the County Sheriff. We have done the speed radar signs and other things, but enforcement has to be involved.

- 17) **Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Pellegrino at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully,

Ron Chapman
Recording Secretary