

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8525 FERRY ROAD  
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
7:10 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 Trustee Eric Beishlag, Clerk Sandi Whiteford, Supervisor Marc Pellegrino, Trustee Rob Reynolds and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Zoning Administrator Will Trute, Joel Yonkman new JVEMSA Director and Gayle Anderson were also present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:** Howard Colthurst ask Mr. Chapman to provide information on House Bill 4706.
3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Chapman 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 minutes of August 12, 2025 as written. Motion supported by Mr. Pellegrino. Motion approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$26,312.39. Checks numbered 1995 to 2019, as well as tax payment to the United States Treasury, no voided checks. Motion supported by Mr. Reynolds.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of August 31, 2025, the General Fund balance, including Michigan Class \$2,083,992.69, Horizon CD \$1,066,860.01 and the General Fund Checking of \$23,002.60 is \$3,173,855.30. Road Fund Checking \$23,632.79, Michigan Class Road Fund \$714,210.11, Total Road Fund \$737,842.90. Fire and Ambulance Fund Checking \$21,765.97, Michigan Class Fire and Ambulance \$39,967.52, Total Fire/EMS \$61,733.49. Tax Account Checking \$-111,508.80 Michigan Class Fund \$1,278,593.11, Total Tax Account \$1,167,084.31. Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.

In response to Mr. Colthurst's inquiry, Treasurer Chapman explained that there are two types of State revenue sharing. Constitutional, based on sales tax collected by the State from which Eveline Township collects \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per month and Statutory which is controlled by the State from which Eveline Township receives approximately \$1,000.00 per month. Larger communities collect considerably more. School Tax is filtered @ the State level.

Mr. Chapman also spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding BS&A tax software offerings for paying taxes online. The first option would be to pay with an ACH transfer from a tax payers bank account to Eveline Township for a \$6.00 charge. The second option would be for a taxpayer to pay with a credit card adding a charge of 3%. Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the Treasurer to proceed with review of the program and to setup the ability for Eveline Township to collect taxes online if the program meets requirements. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Reynolds received communication from Simon Vance of Sequanota Club. Mr. Vance stated he will be available for a meeting with board members at Wahington Street Road end on September 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag reported that the Planning Commission canceled the September 3, 2025.
9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Trute reported that 5 splits have been completed to date.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor Lavender and crew are continuing assessments in Eveline Township.
11. **ZONING REPORT:** Zoning Administrator Trute provided a year-to-date 2025 report of zoning activity. He also reported that two ZBA Public Hearings will be Held at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2025 at the Eveline Township Hall. Requests from Michael & Laura Marcero described as 11329 Evergreen Lane, East Jordan, MI 49727. Property tax #006-325-014-00 and Steven Greenwald described as 2920 Hobbs Lane, East Jordan, MI 49727. Property tax #006-124-013-35. Water flow issue was discussed. Mr. Beishlag will look at the area and contact the Charlevoix County Road Commission as needed. He will also communicate with the Charlevoix County Road Commission regarding some speed limit signs that were not put up by an authorized authority on Phelps Road.
12. **BIKE LANE UPDATE:** Consultant David Grayson updated the Township Board regarding progress of gathering information for the bike lane. Information is being collected regarding the Antrim Bike Path and processes that were used. A feasibility study was discussed as the probable next step. Jim Vanek will attend the next Township Board Meeting on October 14, 2025 to speak with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Grayson also requested permission to set a portal access for the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in the name of Eveline Township. Mr. Chapman will be the admin. Mr.

Reynolds and Mr. Grayson will have access to view available grant information and opportunities.

13. **GFL SPRING CLEANUP:** The Clerk had several discussions with Jill Harris from GFL regarding charges. The bill will be reduced by approximately a third due to a clerical error when creating the invoice at GFL.
14. **DTE UPDATE:** DTE has scheduled installation and connection to occur around the end of September. A definite date will be setup with the Clerk so as to schedule the plumbing and heating professionals to make the change from propane to natural gas.
15. **FERRY ROAD CEMETERY UPDATE:** Mr. Chapman presented a conceptual cemetery layout for the new cemetery created by Ferguson and Chamberlain. Discussion was held as to plantings on the west berm. It was consensus of the board members that the neighbor that abuts the cemetery will be contacted for input on plantings that will be made in the spring. Also discussed at length were the size of the plots as well as which portion of the cemetery to open.
16. **NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION:** Eveline Township will hold an Election on November 4, 2025 for East Jordan Public Schools residents only. There are two millage proposals on the ballot for the school district. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to East Jordan Public Schools residents on the permanent ballot list Monday September 15, 2025. The State Board of Elections recommends that ballots being returned via US Postal Service be placed in the mail no later than October 21, 2025 so as not to experience delays in the clerk's office receiving the returned ballot. Questions can be answered by the clerk's office at 231-675-4426.
17. **PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Joel Yonkman, JVEMSA Director introduced himself and thanked the board for being supportive of the organization. He stated he is working towards a smooth transition and continuing excellent service to area residents. If the board has any questions or concerns, he will be happy to address them.
18. **BOARD COMMENTS.** No Comments presented.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 9:30 p.m. Supervisor Pellegrino adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk