

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2022
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 John Vrondran with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING: Board members present – Supervisor John Vrondran, Trustees Eric Beishlag and Janet Blossom, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Clerk Sandi Whiteford. Meghan Meyer, Jordan Valley EMS Director and Zoning Administrator Deb Graber were also present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment received.
3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Chapman made a motion supported by Ms. Blossom to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion Approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$26,245.73. Checks numbered 13963 through 13996, as well as EFT payments to the IRS and State of Michigan. Voided check numbered 13970. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2021, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,034.15, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$4,665.49 and the General Fund Checking of \$2,009,740.03 is \$2,027,439.67. Road Fund \$220,532.97, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$35,516.21, Tax Account \$481,603.52 Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet. Mr. Chapman noted that included in the General Fund balance is the ARPA Fund Monies of \$77,454.54. These funds are restricted for use as later dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received.
8. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** None requested or held.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** Received request for a patio in the greenbelt, greenbelt permit requests on M-66 and Ross Lane. Two splits filed with Charlevoix County that have never applied to split their property with the Eveline Township Split Committee. Several pending STR applications awaiting septic information.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Preparing for March Board of Review and Board of Review Training.
11. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Mr. Beishlag informed the Board that the Planning Commission is reviewing ordinances in reference to the Master Plan. Greenbelt ordinance will be reviewed. Cemetery development and excavation needs were mentioned.
12. **ZONING AMENDEMENT – TABLE OF LAND USES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to adopt the amendment to zoning ordinance 2.2 Table of Land Uses as presented by the Planning Commission and written and approved by Attorney Graham. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved
13. **2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to adopt the 2022 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines as provided by Assessor, Joe Lavender. Ms. Blossom supported the motion. Motion approved.
14. **BOARD OF REVIEW AND SPLIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to appoint Patrick McGinn, Nelson McDonald and Fritz Healey to the Board of Review, each for a two-year term as well as Greg Stevens as an alternate, and to appoint Deb Graber, Joe Lavender and Fritz Healey to two-year terms as members of the Split Committee and John Vron dran as an alternate. All terms expire January 1, 2024. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion approved.
15. **MILLAGE:** Road millage renewal and Fire and EMS renewal were discussed. Due to rising costs of Fire and EMS Services the board will ask Attorney Graham to prepare ballot language for renewal of road millage of 1 mil and ballot language for fire and EMS for an increase from .5 mil to 1 mil. Information will be put in the Township Newsletter regarding the proposed increase.
16. **ARPA FUNDS:** The “Final Rule” was released January 6, 2022 outlining the approved expenditures of the funds received. The Clerk and Treasurer explained the currently known facts regarding the ARPA Funds. The first report is due in April. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to disburse \$35,000.00 of received ARPA Funds to Jordan Valley EMS Authority to help offset costs related to covid and the new

substation as was requested for consideration by the authority at the December board meeting. Motion was supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

17. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jordan Valley EMS Director, Meghan Meyer stated that the authority is working on their annual report and will provide it to the township when complete. Stated that signage for the driveway to the substation is needed. The substation has been in operation for 133 days. Provided costs related to capital outlay and wages. Thanked the board for the ARPA Funds distribution.
18. **BOARD COMMENTS:** Mrs. Whiteford stated that each board member was provided with a copy of the audit for review. Mr. Beishlag brought up the need for a parking lot light that would be on from dark to daylight. Motion was made by Mr. Chapman and supported by Mr. Beishlag to have the clerk speak with Great Lakes Energy to see if they can install a light near the back sidewalk that would provide enough light for safe entry and exit from the building. Motion approved.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Blossom made a motion to adjourn, supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk