

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
8525 FERRY ROAD  
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727  
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 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, Clerk Sandi Whiteford and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Zoning Administrator Deb Graber and several residents were also attending.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chris Bearss commented on changing the speed limits on Lakeshore Road. Joel Count of 0849 Ferris Lewis Lane stated he is opposed to the renaming of the portion of Ferris Lewis Lane.
3. **AGENDA:** Ms. Blossom made a motion supported by Mr. Chapman to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 meeting minutes with correction. Supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$138,023.09. Checks numbered 14185 through 14225 as well as EFT payment to the IRS. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.  
Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman  
Nay: None  
Motion Approved.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of July 31, 2022, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,035.91, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$4,666.16 and the General Fund Checking of \$2,164,822.73 is \$2,182,524.80. Road Fund \$452,394.68, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$151,410.94, Tax Account \$392,204.90 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 \$120,531.30. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations. Mr. Chapman also reported on Michigan Class Commercial Paper, Huntington Treasury is yielding 2.1%. It is liquid within 24 hours. 4Front Credit Union has a 4-to-5-star rating and is

yielding .43% on accounts. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to use Huntington Treasury. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

Mr. Beishlag made a motion to move the general accounts to 4 Front Credit Union. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

Schwab rating fell to 3. Mr. Chapman explained that the Board of Trustees created an investment policy which requires a 4-to-5-star rating.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received bid for new flagpole and flag with installation in the amount of \$3244.95. Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the bid from Up North Flags & Poles. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

8. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No property divisions requested.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** Three zoning permits were issued. There is a total of 50 registered Short-Term Rental.

10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Here is a brief update of assessing

- Finalized the July BOR information and sent it to the county along with supporting documents.
- Working with the County Equalization on sales analysis for projection of 2023 values. This allows sales to be verified and possibly not used for consideration depending on the assessment records for any individual sale that occurred.
- Property inspections will continue through the rest of the year. We try to avoid summer resort areas in the middle of summer to not interrupt peoples summer fun.
- Weekly processing of deeds and exemptions is ongoing.

- Weekly correspondence with taxpayers, real estate professionals via email and phone is always ongoing.

**11. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Planning Commission is working on Greenbelt Ordinance with Tip of the Mitt, LCA and LIAA. They will be meeting with all Townships and Cities asking questions and seeking input. They will come back with suggestions later this year.

**12. JORDAN VALLEY EMS:** Meghan Meyer presented the monthly operations report for Jordan Valley EMS Authority. Discussed coverage area, education opportunities provided by the authority and the Eveline Sub-Station, extending an invitation to contact her for a tour. She also explained the millage proposal that will appear on member ballots, explaining that Eveline Township is under contract and therefore will not vote on the Jordan Valley EMS authority millage request as the Township collects 1 mill that partially pays for the service.

**13. STAR SCHOOL EVALUATION:** Mr. Trute, a Certified Residential and Commercial Property Inspector will do an evaluation on Star School and provide a report to the Board of Trustees for an estimate of \$350.00. On his initial informal walk through he noted there is animal activity in the building. The front door and basement door both need to be secured. Windows appear to be the only thing that does not need attention. Without electricity, an HVAC evaluation cannot be conducted. Foundation may need replacement. There is a lengthy set of items in need of attention. Mr. Beishlag made a motion, supported by Mrs. Whiteford to hire Mr. Trute to conduct an evaluation of the Star School Structure and provide a report to the Board of Trustees for an estimated fee of \$350.00.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

**14. PREVIOUS ROAD NAME CHANGE:** Following discussion, Mr. Beishlag made a motion to table the discussion for additional research until the next meeting on September 13, 2022. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion Approved.

**15. SOMMERSET BEACH AREA FOR RESIDENTS:** Copies of all deeds, including new filings have been delivered to Attorney Graham for research. He will research and provide information to the Board as soon as possible.

**16. RIDGE ROAD CEMETERY SCANNING:** Ms. Blossom reported that the scanning of the Ridge Road Cemetery is scheduled for August 11, 2022. The scanning may take all day. She stated that should anyone wish to observe the process please be mindful of the gentlemen performing the scanning and respectful of the cemetery.

**17. WASHINGTON STREET BEACH MAINTENANCE:** Mr. Chapman contacted James Slade, owner and operator of Brook Valley Homes regarding Washington Street Beach. Mr. Slade is interested and willing to do maintenance as needed for \$80.00 per incident. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Slade, Brook Valley Homes, for maintenance of the Washington Street Beach Area. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

**18. SPEED STUDY TRAFFIC COUNT UPDATE:** Ms. Blossom reported that the new signs are up and the speed study will be completed soon. Mr. Reynolds stated that after Labor Day is not a good time for the study. He presented a petition to the Board of Trustees, stating 144 residents signed in favor of reducing the speed limit to 35 mph from Boyne City to Loomis Road and adding double yellow line by Whiting Park as well as purchasing radar speed signs and asking the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to increase patrols and issuing tickets. Chris Bearss express concern for grandchildren getting killed crossing the road, stating we need your support. He called Lansing and stated that was going nowhere. He can't open mailbox it is so close to the road. He stated that posting 35 mph speed limit does not mean traffic will not go 45 mph. Candy Greene stated they risk their lives to ride bicycles on the road. Mr. Chapman stated that it is an area of concern. The Board of Trustees can present the petition and request to the Charlevoix County Road Commission, they don't have to honor it. The speed study traffic count is to happen soon, signs have been replaced. Art Halloran commented on the double yellow lines and electronic signs, he would like to see a motion to get signs. Nancy Ferguson stated she would encourage the Board of Trustees to share the petition with the Charlevoix County Road Commission. Mr. Chapman stated that the petition could be shared with the Charlevoix County Road Commission. He will do additional research on electronic signs and present the information in September.

**19. CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP FIRE CONTRACT:** Received two-year Fire Contract from Charlevoix Township. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to accept the contract from Charlevoix Township Fire Department in the amount of \$19,700.00 covering July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$20,700.00. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

- 20. METRO ACT – GREAT LAKES ENERGY:** Received Metro Act application from Great Lakes Energy to allow right of way use for telecommunications equipment. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve Great Lakes Energy access to right of way for telecommunications equipment and wiring. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved.
- 21. FEMA FLOODPLAIN AMENDMENT:** Following discussion, Ms. Blossom made a motion to amend Ordinance 312 of 2019 an Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management to reflect the new FEMA Maps of Floodplain Areas and Management in Eveline Township. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.
- 22. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nancy Ferguson stated she is running for Charlevoix County Commissioner as an independent. Jim Slade asked if DTE is planning to run natural gas along M-66. Mr. Beishlag responded that it is up to the gas company. Nancy Ferguson encourages application to the Charlevoix County Parks and Rec Fund. Prudence Kurtz stated that there are more people to consider than 144 for the speed limit discussion. Mr. Beishlag stated we must listen to our attorney. Ms. Blossom stated we have started the process.
- 23. BOARD COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapman will write a letter to accompany the petition’s delivery to the Charlevoix County Road Commission. Ms. Blossom stated she would deliver the petition to Charlevoix County Road Commission.
- 24. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 9:47 p.m. Mr. Chapman made a motion to adjourn supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk