

**APPROVED**  
**EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021**  
**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 held via audio conference call.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present – Supervisor John Vrondran, Trustees Janet Blossom and Eric Beishlag, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Clerk Sandi Whiteford. Others present, Zoning Administrator Nelson McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Passinault, Susan Vrondran, Jordan Valley EMS Director Jay Peck and Planner Carrie Klingelsmith.
3. **AGENDA:** Ms. Blossom made a motion supported by Mr. Chapman to accept the agenda as presented.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved

4. **EMS UPDATE:** Jordan Valley EMS Director, Jay Peck, provided an overview of the meetings that have been held regarding a possible “County Wide” EMS Authority. Organizational and financial data was presented. Mr. Peck explained that the group is looking for a representative from each of the 21 entities, so that the representatives can meet and begin possible development and report information back to their respective boards. Mr. Chapman volunteered to be the representative for Eveline Township. Clerk Whiteford made a motion supported by Trustee Blossom to appoint Mr. Chapman as the representative for Eveline Township.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved

5. **MINUTES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as written. 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.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$24,413.61. Checks numbered 13546 through 13583, as well as an EFT payment to the IRS and State of Michigan. 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.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2020, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,032.85, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$514,640.31 and the General Fund Checking of \$1,004,946.35 is \$1,532,619.51. Road Fund \$374,212.10, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$68,203.35, Tax Account \$979,825.44 Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received audit from Tobin and Co, P.C. Supervisor Vrondran stated that Shaw Road and Brock Road, paved this past summer are breaking up on the edges. He will speak to the County Road Commission again regarding a resolution to the problem.

9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No meeting was requested or held

10. **ZONING REPORT:** No zoning permits were issued; 2 Green Belt applications are being reviewed.

11. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Tentative schedule for Board of Review Meetings. Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:00 a.m., Appeals Meetings Monday March 8, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

12. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Continuing Master Plan Review, Recreation Plan is referred to the Board of Trustees for adoption. Mr. Beishlag explained an application for a special use permit that the Planning Commission declined as a special use as the applicant was not requesting use of outdoor areas. He asked the board to approve a refund of \$800 to the applicant.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

13. **PUBLIC HEARING – PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN:**

**Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m. by Supervisor Vrondran.

**Information:** Trustee Beishlag presented information regarding the development of the Recreation Plan.

**Public Comment:** Marcia Passinault expressed concern regarding page 31, Table 16 as it relates to property number 006-030-067-60 and the ability to develop the property.

Ms. Blossom stated that the Health Department performed an inspection on the donated Ridge Road property and determined that the property is not suitable for a cemetery extension due to the high ground water levels, stated in a letter dated December 14, 2020.

Susan Vrondran stated that she feels the Eveline Township Nature Area should be listed separately in the plan, and stated that it has lake access and walking trail. Also correct spelling of Bracey Road.

Terry Passinault commented regarding the property across from the Township Hall. Stating the board should shutdown plan to create cemetery and look for another property. Stated concerns regarding requirements for 10 acres needed for a split in the zoning ordinance. Stated a site plan is required. Stated that the board are servants to the residents not a dictatorship.

Marcia Passinault inquired as to page 31 action plan.

Planner Carrie Klingelsmith stated the items are suggested action items Mr. Chapman stated a correction is needed on page 25, remove the words is that. He also commended the Planning Commission and Planners on a job well done.

**Close Public Hearing:** With no further comment presented, Supervisor Vrondran closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**Board Discussion:** Ms. Blossom also commended the Planning Commission on a job well done and the residents for attending input sessions and providing written comments and participating in the survey.

**Board Action:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve Resolution 0112 of 2021 approving adoption of the Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan. Motion was supported by Mr. Chapman.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

- 14. CEMETERY:** Application to extend the Ridge Road Cemetery to include the donated property has been denied by the Health Department in a letter dated December 14, 2020. Mrs. Whiteford made a motion to appoint Mr. Beishlag and Ms. Blossom to explore options for the property across from the Township Hall. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

**15. NEWSLETTER:** The clerk asked that articles for the newsletter be turned in by the first of February. Ms. Blossom suggested that instead of sending a newsletter in each of the property assessment notices that the board make it available again on the website, copies at public meetings, at a pickup box outside the Township Hall and in the local libraries. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to try the suggested option this year and base future placement on feedback. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vron dran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Beishlag

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

**16. OTHER BOARD AND STAFF ISSUES:** Supervisor Vron dran stated that the Road Commission would not be holding road meetings this year due to covid19. Ms. Blossom inquired if it were possible to have the Road Commission send a letter to the board with suggestions of needed repairs and upgrades. Supervisor Vron dran will contact them. Supervisor Vron dran stated that he received a \$250 grant for paint for Star School, the paint is in his basement.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Passinault inquired as to a site plan for the property across from the Township Hall and Page 18 of the Master Plan. Terry Passinault inquired as to information regarding a lit sign providing information as to Township meetings and events that Mrs. Passinault had inquired about at a previous meeting. Supervisor Vron dran stated he would look into it.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:05 p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk