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EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY JULY 12, 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 Vron dran with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING: Board members present, Supervisor John Vron dran, 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:** Ms. Blossom asked Mr. Vron dran to adhere to the township policy allowing for no more than 3 minutes speaking time per person. Marsha Passinault asked if the canceled Planning Commission Meeting is rescheduled. Mr. Beishlag responded the next meeting for the Planning Commission will be the regular meeting in August. Rob Reynolds inquired about the speed study on Lakeshore Road. Ms. Blossom stated she would give her report in the board comments section of the meeting. Meghan Meyer, Jordan Valley EMS director presented their operations report for the month of June.

3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion supported by Ms. Blossom to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved

4. **MINUTES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 and June 21, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.

5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$156,394.96. Checks numbered 14152 through 14184 as well as EFT payments 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. Vron dran, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of June 30, 2022, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,034.80, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$4,665.73 and the General Fund Checking of \$2,119,237.40 is \$2,136,937.93. Road Fund \$452,394.68, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$151,428.50, Tax Account \$160,392.23

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 \$42,766.54. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations. Mr. Chapman also reported that he is looking into banking options. He explained Michigan Class, used for investing, is currently yielding 1.5%, is Michigan Law approved, is commercial paper versus Treasury Bonds. Hunting Bank has an investing avenue that is Treasury Bonds. He will report additional information at the August board meeting.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Vrondran read portions of a FEMA letter received.
8. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No property divisions requested.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** Four zoning permits issued and four Short-Term Rentals for the month of June. ZBA public hearing scheduled for August 10, 2022, PROPERTY # 15-006-030-067-45, James and Christine Brown, property address: 5048 Ridge Road, and PROPERTY # 15-006-116-034-20, Joni Hendrickson, property address: 03329 Ross Lane.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** No additional report received.
11. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** No July meeting was held. Representatives from Tip of the Mitt and LCA is coordinating with all Townships regarding lakefront preservation and will attend the August 3, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
12. **STAR SCHOOL EVALUATION:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion, supported by Ms. Blossom to proceed with a commercial inspection of the Star School. The Township will hire Will Trute, a certified building inspector to inspect the building for safety, structural issues, electrical issues, plumbing, radon, asbestos, lead paint, well and septic (may not be present) heating and A/C. A contractor then can prepare an estimate of repairs.
Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman
Nay: None
Motion Approved.
13. **PREVIOUS ROAD NAME CHANGE:** Mr. Chapman presented information on Ferris Lewis Lane road name change, due to an accidental omission in the minutes the issue needed to be revisited. Having been contacted by neighboring residents and communication with the county and the Township attorney, it was noted that the road in question is named on the county road map as Ferris Lane West and Ferris Lane East and travels across three separate properties. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to send Mr. Spiewak a letter regarding the road name. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion Approved.

14. SOMMERSET BEACH AREA FOR RESIDENTS: Received a letter from Brent Kennedy regarding residents' use of specific areas at Somerset Pointe. Following discussion, the clerk was directed to contact Attorney Graham to review the deed information and residents' ability to access the area.

15. SWEETBRIER LANE PROPERTY: Received communication from Mr. D'Amico expressing his opinion that the Township has not met his requests regarding the property on Sweetbrier Lane. Mr. D'Amico requested the following email be a part of the minutes.

Dick D'A <balanceseeker10@gmail.com>
to me, Marilyn

Dec 10, 2019, 12:04 PM

Dear Sandi . . .

Thanks for your time this morning discussing our proposed donation of our Sweetbrier Lane Properties. I write to you on my behalf and that of my Sister, Marilyn Newell.

As I mentioned these properties have been in our family for about 90 years when my Grandfather and Grandmother - Gaetano and Cleonice D'Amico acquired them in the 1930's. During their active tenure they had a summer home in the area and conducted a summer camp with a thespian theater to entertain local residents.

Now to address your request for restrictions and/or stipulations . . .

As I mentioned we don't want to be edictorial in our requests and hope our thoughts for the future of this plot of land will compliment the development plans for the public access areas in Eveline Township, it's residents and visitors.

1. We would like to see a permanent plaque to be posted (preferably in cast brass or cast aluminum) in a well traveled portion of your future development plan that identifies these properties were donated in memory of Gaetano and Cleonice D'Amico by Richard & Saja D'Amico and Marilyn & Charles Newell. The specifics of this plaque can be a subject of continued discussions.

Along this same line of thought it would be meaningful to us to see this site indentified with a site sign identifying the development as the "Sandy Beach" Park or something along those lines conducive with your development planning. Depending on the standards of the Township I would see this as a permanent post and panel sign constructed of sandblasted cedar or redwood materials (or some other long lasting and durable signage material) suitable to the development concept that will no doubt evolve.

2. It would be nice if the development of these properties would include a public nature trail including a permanent trail with signage identifying the natural aspects along the way such as the species of plants and tree, the purpose and function of the wetlands, it's inhabitants and other aspects conducive to your development vision.

3. Recognizing that these thoughts outline development efforts and financial investments by the Township we would like for these developments to be current and active priorities within

the Township and begin in the next year and that future development of the larger aspects of development (ie. Installing a trail and signage) would be substantially completed within a 5 year horizon with continued development as may be identified within 10 years.

4. We would appreciate if you could keep us up to date of your planning and implementation progress on at least an annual basis so we can keep our families informed of your progress.

5. We suspect that a future sale of these properties is not likely but should this occur that 1/2 of the sale price (ie. fair market value) would be sent to Richard D'Amico and Marilyn Newell (or their offspring per stirpes).

6. Should there be any taxes or fees owed on these properties before legal transfer that these expenses would be waived or paid for by the Township.

7. For planning purposes it would be appreciated that this transfer occur prior to December 31, 2019.

We look forward to hearing back after your review of this proposal by your Board with the hopes that your future planning for this donation coincides with your planning and development visions.

Many thanks - Dick D'Amico

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Mr. D'Amico requested that the items 1 through 7 in the email be read and reviewed. Mr. Chapman stated that the list provided was not interpreted as mandates or deed restrictions, referring to your statement "we don't want to be edictorial" and hope our thoughts will complement the development plans. Step 1 was to get the property listed in the Master Plan which was delayed by a year plus due to covid, completed May of 2021. Mr. D'Amico stated the sign in **Item 1**, has been created and placed on the property, summer of 2021. Step 2, as was stated by Ms. Blossom there must be a plan developed by the Planning Commission, prior to spending funds, referring to **Item 2** in the email, the major expense of the project falling into an extended time frame, **item 3** in the email. As was also stated, establishing priorities is necessary, the Master Plan time frames are mandated by the State and a cooperative effort of lakeshore preservation is still being addressed by the Planning Commission. **Item 4** in the email, Mr. D'Amico stated that Mr. Vrondran had indicated that a grant would be written 2021 for the property. As Ms. Blossom stated a plan must be in place with cost estimates to enable a grant to be applied for, neither a plan nor cost estimates were available at the grant deadline. **Item 5** in the email pertains to sale of the property by the Township, currently an irrelevant issue. **Item 6** in the email, Mr. Chapman addressed the 2019 outstanding taxes immediately after the property transfer. **Item 7** the Township completed the property transfer prior to December 31, 2019. As was indicated by the Board of Trustees, all items have been completed, addressed or will be addressed as priorities and time allow.

16. RIDGE ROAD CEMETERY SCANNING: Ms. Blossom received a quote of \$5200.00 to complete the scanning of the "old portion" of the Eveline Cemetery on Ridge Road for which there is no existing plot map showing existing burial plots and/or any available burial plots. Black flags will be placed in the center of an area containing a burial. They do not place metal stakes outlining possible burial sites. They do provide a pdf map of findings. The grounds must be clear of branches and debris to complete scanning. Mr. Chapman will contact Holley Landscaping to see if they can clean the area for scanning. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the quote and have the scan completed. Mr. Chapman supported the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

- 17. COSEO ROAD COMMUNICATION:** Received a letter from Mr. Coseo of 5240 Waverly Lane off Shaw Road. An estimate of \$450,000 - \$5550,000 was received in 2020 for the 4 tenths of mile of road Mr. Coseo would like to have paved by the Township. The cost is due to the significant amount of work needed to prepare the road for paving, trees, ditching and widening must all occur before paving can be considered. Mr. Chapman will write a letter to Mr. Coseo regarding the road.
- 18. WASHINGTON STREET BEACH MAINTENANCE:** Mr. Chapman contacted Holley Landscaping regarding projects for the Township. Holley Landscaping requested that the Township find another company to maintain Washington Beach area. Until Mr. Chapman finds someone, he and his wife will do maintenance. Mr. Beishlag suggested the Township should have a maintenance person to take care of things that need repair.
- 19. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marsha Passinault questioned the credentials of the Star School Inspector. Mr. Reynolds stated he was told they are not going to change the speed limit.
- 20. BOARD COMMENTS:** Ms. Blossom reported that the traffic count/speed study on Lakeshore Road has been officially requested. The Charlevoix County Road Commission will proceed with the study as soon as they receive the remainder of the speed limit signs to be replaced. The speed study should occur in late July or early August. Three separate sections will be tested in two 24-hour studies, Boyne City limits to Advance, Poplar Lane to Bay Marina, and Ridge Road to Whiting Park. The Road Commission will let the Township know the result. Mr. Reynolds stated that there is a state law that states the speed limit can be set by the Township. He was asked for the MCL. He stated he did not have it with him but would forward it to Mr. Chapman. Ms. Blossom stated that any citizen could contact any board member by phone or email.
- 21. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 9:41 p.m. Mr. Chapman made a motion to adjourn supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk