

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EVELINE TOWNSHIP HALL
8525 FERRY ROAD
EAST JORDAN, MI 49727
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Clerk Sandi Whiteford and Treasurer Ron Chapman. Janet Blossom, Trustee, joined the meeting via phone in a non-voting capacity. Zoning Administrator Deb Graber and several residents were also attending.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment received.
3. **AGENDA:** Mr. Beishlag 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 August 9, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Mr. Beishlag. Motion Approved.
5. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$184,306.77. Checks numbered 14226 through 14267 as well as EFT payments to the IRS, two voided checks 13743 and 13939. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman.
Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Mr. Vron dran, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Chapman
Nay: None
Absent: Ms. Blossom
Motion Approved.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of August 31, 2022, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,037.01, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$4,666.92 and the General Fund Checking of \$2,035,658.46 is \$2,053,362.39. Road Fund \$452,394.68, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$151,406.36, Tax Account \$721,877.52 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 \$120,531.30. These funds are restricted for use as dictated by the Rescue Fund regulations. Mr. Chapman

also reported \$1,000,000.00 has been transferred to Huntington Treasury account, where it is drawing 2.2% interest.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Mr. D’Amico regarding Sweetbrier Lane Property, Mailing from Rob Reynolds with letter and copy of petition, email from Christopher Coseo regarding Shaw Road.
Received resignation letter from Fritz Healey, resigning from Split Committee and Board of Review. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to accept Fritz Healey’s resignation with regret and sincere appreciation for many years of service to Eveline Township. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman. Motion approved.
8. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Two property divisions were approved September 2, 2022.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** No Short-Term Rental licenses issued in August, 3 zoning permits issued and one greenbelt plan approved.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** No report received.
11. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Planning Commission completed work on a noxious weed ordinance which has been sent to Attorney Graham for review. Hungry Ducks review will be held at the October Planning Commission meeting. Awaiting greenbelt information from Tip of the Mitt, LCA and LIAA which will be forthcoming once meetings with all Townships and Cities are completed and information summarized.
12. **SPEED STUDY/TRAFFIC COUNT UPDATE – PAT HARMON & JIM VANEK, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:** Pat Harmon, Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager explained the process of the speed study/traffic count that was completed in August. He reviewed the reports from each of the three areas that were studied. He recommended that the Township consider requesting more enforcement of the current speed limit. Mr. Chapman asked what the 85th percentile speed indicated. Mr. Harmon responded that is the speed that most traffic travels and is considered a safe and prudent speed. Mr. Harmon stated that when the electronic signs are in place some people try to see how high they can get the speed on the sign. Mr. Chapman inquired as to the communication to the requestor when a traffic order is requested of the State. Mr. Harmon stated that a determination is made by the State based on traffic/speed study as to the appropriate speed limit, it is sent to the Road Commission, the Road Commission then files the traffic control order with the Charlevoix County Clerk for recording. Rob Reynolds stated appreciation for the work of the Road Commission, inquired as to caution signs and crosswalk painting at Whiting Park. Mr. Vanek stated that the crosswalks had been painted in June. Bob Letty thanked Mr. Harmon for 36 years of service with the Road Commission. He stated that he is concerned about

pedestrian auto accidents, stated electronic speed signs cause 80% of drivers to react to the signs.

- 13. STAR SCHOOL EVALUATION:** Mr. Trute, a Certified Residential and Commercial Property Inspector completed an inspection of the Star School Building. He provided the Board of Trustees with an 82-page report outlining 54 major issues and 10 minor issues. First the foundation is rapidly collapsing. A newer furnace was installed, and the collapsing foundation is encroaching on the gas line and the furnace. Roof needs replacing, shims on jacks need addressing. Radon test were complete, the level is the structure is well above the recommendations. The vinyl windows are in great shape, siding needs to be replaced. The lavatory is a whole in the floor with a pit below. Wasp and hornet activity is prominent in the attic. The under decking of the roof is in bad shape. All wiring needs to be redone. The Basement and the front door need to be secured. There is very little left of the original school. The propane tank needs to be disconnected as soon as possible. Mr. Chapman will see about getting it disconnected.

- 14. FERRIS LEWIS LANE ROAD NAME:** Mr. Chapman read the letter that was written to Mr. Spiewak and stated the board apologizes for any confusion over the situation. Mr. Chapman also spoke with other residents of Ferris Lewis Lane; the residents have indicated they would put the proper signage in place. Mr. Spiewak stated that there is no resolution on Ferris Lewis East, the deed grants an easement for ingress and egress. Others cannot go off the easement. Don B. stated he has lived on Ferris Lewis Lane East for 34 years, the cost of maintenance is divided by the residents except for Mr. Spiewak who does not voluntarily pay for maintenance. Mr. Spiewak stated the cost is to be divided by the people using the road. Joel Cohen has owned a residence on Ferris Lewis Lane for 22 years stated the county named the east and west portions for 911 identification purposes. Don Wertzel also a resident of Ferris Lewis Lane stated that he would like the names to be left as is, Jory Rose stated she felt the same. Don B stated that the residents will replace the signs with blue as required for a private lane. Mr. Chapman stated that the original resolution for renaming the road was incorrectly stated which makes the resolution null and void as per the Township Attorney and with added information received the name of Ferris Lewis Lane, Ferris Lewis Lane East and Ferris Lewis West shall remain.

- 15. SOMMERSET BEACH AREA FOR RESIDENTS:** Attorney Graham is proceeding with research.

- 16. RIDGE ROAD CEMETERY SCANNING:** Received the Ridge Road Cemetery scanning report. One hundred and forty-six (146) burial sites were scanned 48 burials are marked sites, 98 are unmarked. Mrs. Whiteford stated that she feels it is appropriate to mark the unmarked graves in some way before the flags that the

scanning company put in are lost. She suggested purchasing patio blocks for now until there is time to decide if something else is appropriate. The block would have no markings at this time. Chris Brown has begun research on the burials and has already found the name of a Civil War Veteran buried in the cemetery with no grave marker. She also is aware of a grant that DAR may apply for from Great Lakes Energy that can be helpful with markers. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve purchase of patio stones for a temporary marker for the unmarked burials. Mr. Chapman supported the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Blossom

Motion Approved.

17. **BIKE RACKS:** The bike racks the Township placed on each side of the Ironton Ferry are no longer in place. The new building on the west side left no room for the bike rack and the east side land washed away where the bike rack sat. Supervisor Vron dran stated the county is going to bring them to the Township Hall for storage until we decide what to do with them.
18. **ADDITION ESTIMATE:** Received estimate for the addition from Wright Construction. Additional estimates will be sought from Wangaman Construction and Bajko Construction.
19. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chris Bearss stated that he would like the speed limit changed to 35 miles per hour. "I don't want to be bullied by the Road Commission or the State Police." The study was done on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, he would like to see it done on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Rob Reynolds stated that 20 weeks later if the speed limit stays the same is it worth the 2 minutes difference in travel time. Mr. Chapman stated that he researched and received quotes from 4 companies for radar speed signs. The company he favors is All Traffic Solutions because of their location and warranty. He spoke with different entities that have them for feedback. Some felt the signs made a difference. One entity removes the signs in the winter. Signs can be installed with U channels on existing posts. The cost would be approximately \$9160.00 for 2 signs, extension may be required for existing posts, the stated amount does not include post costs. State traffic control requirements are met with the signs quoted. Rob Reynolds stated that he appreciates Mr. Chapmans legwork but would like 4 signs considered instead of 2 and would like to see caution signs, yellow reflective pole signs. Art Halloran suggested there might be a summer speed limit as well as a winter speed limit. Mr. Chapman made a motion to purchase two (2) electronic speed limit sighs from All Traffic Solutions. Mr. Beishlag supported the motion

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Blossom

Motion Approved.

Mr. Chapman will compose a letter to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and the State Police Post Commander in Gaylord, requesting enhanced enforcement of the existing speed limit.

- 20. BOARD COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapman suggested the Township attempt to get the projector fixed. Mr. Beishlag stated that LCA is looking for a qualified person to assist with greenbelt reviews. Mrs. Whiteford stated she attended the Charlevoix County Local Emergency Planning Committee on August 15, 2022. All cities and townships are required to have some input into the plan which will take about 3 years to develop. Ms. Blossom asked for approval to expend approximately \$150 each on the cemetery entrance signs. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the purchase of the cemetery entrance signs. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Ms. Blossom

Motion Approved.

- 21. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 9:52 p.m. Mr. Chapman made a motion to adjourn supported by Mrs. Whiteford. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk