

**APPROVED**

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

**ATTENDING:** Board members present – Supervisor John Vrondran, Trustees Janet Blossom and Eric Beishlag, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Clerk Sandi Whiteford. Webmaster Tom Repichowski, Zoning Administrator Deb Graber, Susan Vrondran, Jack Turner and Gayle Anderson were also present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jack Turner, attorney for Mr. Kaplan requested permission to do their own soil tests at the donated property behind the Ridge Road Cemetery. Following discussion, the board recommended to Mr. Turner that he contact the Health Department as the Township has already received a Health Department denial for use of the property as a cemetery.
3. **AGENDA:** Ms. Blossom made a motion supported by Mr. Chapman to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Approved
4. **MINUTES:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve the September 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 \$20,218.18. Checks numbered 13871 through 13900, as well as 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.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of September 30, 2021, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,033.82, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$4,665.37 and the General Fund Checking of \$1,286,817.14 is \$1,304,516.33. Road Fund \$610,062.77, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$186,103.76, Tax Account \$379,207.49 Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet. Mr. Chapman presented

information regarding accepting tax payments via credit card. The cost to the Township would be \$32.00 per month for the credit card machine, the cost to the tax payer would be a 3.2% fee in addition to the tax amount. Further research will be done as only a few taxpayers have inquired as to the possibility of paying by credit card.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received a bill from FO Barden, Supervisor Vrondran stated he has received a grant to cover the costs that were billed.
8. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** None requested or held.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** 4 zoning permits approved. Two greenbelt applications approved and required 50' setback to be adhered to by the Planning Commission due to over 100' width of lot (Yuhasz & Marcus) Two short term rentals were licensed in September - Price on Lakeshore & McLeod on Advance Road. Lauer, 11550 Evergreen Lane was denied. Drain field is inadequate per the health department for a 4-bedroom house. (They applied for 14 occupants.) Letter sent 9/2/21. Lauer hired an Attorney from Harbor Springs to help correct the issue with the property. Waiting for confirmation from the health department that the drain field is adequate. **Complaints:** - Jerry's Rocks on Sequanota sent a letter to shut down by 9/3/21. No new noise coming from the site. Property is now up for sale. - Complaint regarding land clearing on steep slopes Looze and Bracey roads. Waiting for response from EGLE - Scott Rasmusson. Soil Erosion does have concerns. Emailed Rasmusson for an update. No response as of 9/2/21. Emailed EGLE again and still no response. - McPherson was sent a letter to clean up property on 21 Advance Road by October 1, 2021 - nuisance. Extended to October 18th. Must see improvements for an additional extension. (McPherson requested they be given until December to correct the situation.)- Williams, 928 Advance Road, has a structure in the setback. It needs to be relocated and permitted. He called on 8/30 requesting more time. Extended to November 1 to have structure moved out of the setback. - Wrightscapes doing shoreline work on Lakeshore Road just north of Advance. They have permits from soil erosion and EGLE. Spoke with Kyle with Wrightscapes.-Jack Turner emailed me that Kaplan is planning to submit an alternate location for a possible cemetery. - Richard Mueller, Hungry Ducks, special use approved with several conditions. He is trying to get his sign installed. Zoning allows for a 24 square foot sign with a permit; he proposed a 64 square foot sign in the air 20 feet. Denied the original request and emailed him zoning ordinances. **Granicus Update:** We have about 35 unlicensed rentals currently advertising.
10. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** I have attached an image of the building permits that were issued from January through August of 2021. We will be visiting these properties before the end of this year for adding new construction to the assessment roll. We are still conducting normal field inspections as long as the weather allows. Normal activities of processing of sales data, exemptions and paperwork.



- 11. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Approved Hungry Ducks special use permit with conditions. Will review October 2022 regular meeting. Training session will be held October 26, 2021 at the Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- 12. ARPA FUNDS UPDATE:** Received the first half of the ARPA Funds. Clerk attended meeting regarding use and tracking requirements of the funds. Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Whiteford will work on plans for approval once the “final rules” are made public.
- 13. ADDITION UPDATE:** Mr. Vrondran and Mrs. Whiteford met with Floyd Wright to review plans for a fireproof addition. Based on the conversation with Mr. Wright, it would be practical to have the addition be 24’ x 24’ rather than 20’ x 20’. Mr. Wright will have the architectural plans drawn. Bids will be sought once plans are available.
- 14. ELECTION:** The Clerk has received many questions as to the proposal on the ballot. The millage is a renewal of the general operating funds for the County and all Townships, unfortunately the ballot language does not clearly state that. The County Clerks office supplied the following statement for clarification.

The November election Separate Tax Limitation ballot proposal is simply a renewal for another 5 years. This does not mean 5.9 mills is what is currently being collected or will be collected. It simply means that monies will continue to be collected for the next five years, not to exceed 5.9 mills. The monies collected are divided as indicated between the County, Townships, and the Intermediate School District.

- 15. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Passinault of 8576 Ferry Road asked if the millage is a renewal. Mrs. Whiteford stated it is. Marcia Passinault asked the cost of the addition. Mrs. Whiteford stated the cost is not yet known as the plans must be available prior to

getting bids for construction. She asked if the new addition would fall within the setbacks. Mrs. Whiteford stated yes. Terry Passinault asked if there would be a site plan for the residents to view, and suggested removing the kitchen and fireplace instead of adding on.

**16. BOARD COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapman expressed concern regarding comments that the planner is not taking items through the Planning Commission before indicating a plan would be approved. Mr. Beishlag indicated that the planner is giving significant guidance in a difficult after the fact situation. Mr. Beishlag feels the information has been very helpful.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Chapman made a motion to adjourn, supported by Ms. Blossom. Motion approved.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk