Minutes

Eagle Township Board Meeting February 16, 2023

Eagle Twp. Hall - 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI 48822

- 1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Schafer at 6:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Michigan State University community.
- 2. **Present:** Trustee Dick Jones, Supervisor Patti Schafer, Trustee Dennis Strahle, Clerk Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Kathy Oberg;

Others Present: Dave Pohl, County Commissioner; Sean Dush, Clinton County Sheriff; John Clark, Deputy Supervisor/LGRFA Chairman;

Citizens: Brittanie Davis, Mark Pung, Todd Hufnagel, Glenn and Laura DeYoung, Greg Marble, Mike Dyer, Greg Zoll, Terry Grant, Derek Wright, Kelleen Stiffler, Clayton Higbee, Jessica Cage, Larry Lischkge, Tim Bowers, Diane Schulte, Jared Robertson, Jason Havens, Heather Hosey, Bron Magoon, Chad Cooley, Dennis Moore, Jared Marble, Brad Rich, Kristie Feldpausch, Jeff Rademacher, Matt Bedard, Ellen Robinson, Lance Pittman, Alex Hoeksema, Danielle Robertson, Matthew Carl, Scott Clark, Pam Clark, Aaron and Julie Hubbard, John Clark, Jim Dean, Kwame Johnson, Karen Johnson, Jason Phillips, Pat Pryslek, Emilie DeVasher, Kameron DeVasher, Emily M Dyer, Shawn Lafay, Sandy and Duke Adleman, George Bedard, Sara Mathews Clark, Kerry Wright, Troy Stroud, Jamie LaFavor, Lori Hudson, Ann Jones, Cheryl Moyer, Amy Lusty, Adam and Danielle Droste, Casey and Ray Bassington, Robert Tvorik, Dan and Cori Feldpausch, Linn Romanik, Linda Simpson, Robin Currie, Larry Strzalka, Lori Grant, Martha and Tim Hoffman, Joe Putney, Dave and Jennifer Crippen, Janine Dyer, David Smith, Chelsea and Dustin Hoppes, Wendell and Renee Dankenbring, Justin Kebler, Fredric Lee McLaughlin, Joe Droste, Matthew Dyer, Abby Jackson, Scott Barclay, Dave and Sandi VanderBroek, Arnie Rios, Becky Theis, Josh Grant, Kim Bowe, San Juanita Lira, Paul and Irene Herrera, Richard and Judy Sena, Lori Schrauben, Kristina Dawkins, Jim Shirey, Kristin Rich, Jim and Carolyn Donaldson, Kelly and Jessica Wright, Andy Edick, Julie McDermid, Kellee Auge, Evan Farinosi, Phil Boyd, Chuck Truesdell

- 3. **Supervisor Comments:** Supervisor Schafer provided information since multiple requests were received during the January meeting to have the township look into Planning and Zoning. She has asked the attorney and a township to give a presentation at the March meeting and will be including a budget for next year of \$100,000 for this topic.
- 4. **Citizen's Comments:** Citizens shared comments and concerns regarding possible sale and development of a large section of property in Eagle Township as well as environmental concerns. Citizens continued their requests to have Eagle Township bring Planning and Zoning to the Township.
- 5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Strahle and supported by Trustee Jones to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- 6. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- 7. **LGRFA Report:** John Clark stated the fire station is a fully staffed fire department with six full time personnel, and the LGRFA is affiliated with Delta Township Fire Department. There were 108 runs in January 2023 with

85% ambulance runs. The LGRFA provided a fire truck and ambulance to Michigan State University on February 13 to assist with the active shooter situation. The LGRFA website can be viewed for more information on the fire department.

- 8. Commissioner Report: ITC made a presentation to the Ways and Means committee to provide an update on a new transmission line from Carson City to Oneida Township. This project is in the preliminary stages. The Clinton County Board has approved replacing the 22-year-old server room fire suppression system and building humidifier system in the Courthouse. The Clinton Transit ridership is at 127% of pre-Covid levels. Discussions with CATA to allow transport into Lansing for medical visits and work are being held. For transportation information call 989-224-8127. Frontier has been approved as the vendor for the Broadband Infrastructure Development Project to provide broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Clinton County. Some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was approved to assist restaurants. The new County Treasurer is Steven Wiswasser.
- 9. Sheriff Report: No updates this month.
- 10. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to pay the approved bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.
- 11. **Looking Glass Clean-Up Project Lloyd's Excavating, LLC/Truesdale:** The Clinton County Drain commissioner has spoken with a contractor and will be getting a second quote to cut the logs into 2-foot pieces, which the property owner seems to agree with the concept.
- 12. **Clinton County Community Input Open House update:** Supervisor Schafer will check if the flyer has been finalized. Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to add information to the Eagle Township website to promote the March 2 open house. Motion carried.
- 13. **SCCMUA letter update:** Supervisor Schafer, Trustee Strahle, and the deputy supervisor attended a meeting with SCCMUA. SCCMUA will consult with an attorney to see if their bylaws allow adding another township.
- 14. **Road Closing/Detour for Bike Ride** Motion by Treasurer Oberg supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the road closing and detour as presented with the dates of Sunday, June 4, 2023, and Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16, 2023. Motion carried.
- 15. **ZC-012-23 VR Jerad Marble (emailed)** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to NOT recommend approval for ZC-012-23 VR Application for Variance. Motion did not carry.
 - Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Treasurer Oberg to recommend approval to Clinton County Planning Board for ZC-012-012-23 VR Application for Variance. Motion carried.
- 16. **County Broadband update and Homeworks letter Request** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to allow Supervisor Schafer to sign a letter in support of expanding their service in our township for Tri-County Homeworks. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 17. **Supervisor Salary Resolution 02-16-2023-01 –** Motion by Trustee Jones supported by Trustee Strahle to adopt the Supervisor Salary Resolution #02-16-2023-01 to be \$19,140, effective April 1st, 2023. Roll Call Yes

Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

- 18. Clerk Salary Resolution 02-16-2023-02 Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to adopt the Clerk Salary Resolution #02-16-2023-02 as amended to be \$23,652, effective April 1, 2023,. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 19. **Treasurer Salary Resolution 02-16-2023-03 –** Motion by Trustee Jones supported by Supervisor Schafer to adopt the Treasurer Salary resolution #02-16-2023-03 as amended to be \$23,652, effective April 1st, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 20. **Trustee Salary Resolution 02-16-2023-04 –** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to adopt the Trustee Salary Resolution #02-16-2023-04 to be \$2,412 effective April 1st, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones. No Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. Motion carried.
- 21. **County Reactivate Clinton County Agricultural Preservation Board** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Trustee Jones to recommend to Clinton County Board of Commissioners that the Clinton County Agricultural Preservation Board be reactivated. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 22. **Cost of mailing for Clinton County Planning Commission Open House March 2nd, 2023** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to have Treasurer Oberg proceed with immediate mailing of the Comprehensive Plan Open House flyer to all property owners in Eagle Township. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 23. **Create Eagle Township Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to table Planning Commission discussion until April 20, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 24. **Create Eagle Township Zoning Board and Ordinances** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to table Zoning Board discussion until April 20, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
- 25. **Purchase of Books to support Master Plan and Zoning** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to allow Trustee Strahle to purchase books from Michigan Townships Association to gain knowledge on Planning and Zoning at the township. Motion carried.
- 26. **Request Moratorium for A-2 Land Zone Changes** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Jones to table Moratorium discussion until April 20, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

- 27. **Training attendance** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to allow Board Members and their deputies to attend educational sessions in calendar year 2023. Motion carried.
- 28. Discussion/action on possible follow up survey not part of Giffels & Webster contract No action.
- 29. **Add an April Special Board Meeting** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to have a Special Board meeting on April 20, 2023, at 6 pm. Motion carried.
- 30. **Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Jones supported by Supervisor Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk