

Minutes
Eagle Township Board Meeting
March 16, 2023
Eagle Twp. Hall - 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI 48822

AT THE FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING THE BOARD TABLED 3 ITEMS FOR NO ACTION/DISCUSSION UNTIL APRIL 20, 2023. ITEM #8. CREATE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD AND COMPREHESIVE PLAN. ITEM #9. CREATE ZONING BOARD AND ORDINANCES. ITEM #12. REQUEST MORATORIUM FOR A-2 LAND ZONE CHANGES.

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

Others Present: Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner; Greg Spitler, Clinton County Deputy Sheriff; Christopher Patterson, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC, Stephanie Schafer, Trustee Dallas Township

Citizens: Jamie Schafer, Judy Bronson, Becky Theis, Brittanie Davis, Dave and Kris Stairs, Jim and Donna Dean, Kirk Myers, Kellee Stiffler, Sue Wright, Chelsea Hoppes, Monica Trierweiler, Dennis Moore, Cori Feldpausch, Karen Feldpausch, Darrin and Debbie Gray, John Grove, John and Connie Iszler, Chuck Byam, Scott Clark, Sally Jo Nelton, Brad Rich, Jason Havens, Mike Dyer, Phil Boyd, Ben Kopietz, Cheryl Moyer, Courtland Wright, Alex Hoeksema, Brian Logan, Michelle Bey, Tim Bowers, Tim Falor, Casey Brassington, Curt Kenyon, Kameron DeVasher, Jennifer Defore, Tom Johnson, Chuck Dibeane, Ellen Robinson, Pat Pryslek, Matthew Dyer, Nikki Selleck, Jeff Selleck, Barb Waldrop, Andy Edick, Derek Wright, Taylor Brush, Patty Foreman, Peg McLeod, Carolyn and Jim Donaldson, Robin Currie, Kristin Rich, Leah Horn, Bill Turner, Clayton Higbee, Linn Romanik, Linda Simpson, Jill Ostrander, Matt Bedard, Edward Bedard, Nick Baylis, Pam Clark, Cady Ness-Smith, Scott Smith, Dustin Hoppes, Chad Pitsch, Ross Meyer, Benny Lopez, Neil Huhn, Greg Marble, Daralyn Clark, Diane Schulte, Larry Schulte, Julie McDermid, Ann Jones, Sharon Wolf, Sandi Vanderbroek, Janine Dyer, Dan Feldpausch, Dave Hufnagel, Kristina Dawkins, Jorge Fernandez, Adam Droste, Leslie Christmas, San Juanita Lira, Amy Weeks, Jeff McNeilly, George Bedard, Marti Howe, Gilbert Arambula, Connie Root, Pam Brown, Renee Dankenbring, Ken Lathrop, Larry Kindel, Beverly Sherman, Terrie Westman, Scott Westman, Matt Carl, Arnie Rios, Kevin Skutar, Adam Huhn, Emily M Dyer, Heather Hosey, Timothy Higbee

3. **Citizen's Comments:** Citizens voiced criticism of March 2 Open House as being biased towards a large industry being built. Many citizens repeated request to have Eagle Township bring Planning and Zoning to the Township.
4. **Presentation/Information from Township attorney and a township representative :** Eagle Township attorney, Christopher Patterson, made a presentation regarding how a township would implement Planning and Zoning in the township. Stephanie Schafer, Trustee Dallas Township, provided information regarding the process Dallas Township went through to implement local Planning and Zoning and the handling of day-to-day zoning requests.
5. **Items tabled at February 16, 2023, meeting:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to reconsider previous decision to table item #8 CREATE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD AND COMPREHESIVE

PLAN and item #9 CREATE ZONING BOARD AND ORDINANCES. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Clerk Briggs-Dudley. No Votes: Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. Motion failed.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Jones and supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
8. **LGRFA Report:** Trustee Strahle reported that the ~~Lansing Grand River~~ LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL Fire Authority is considering purchasing a new fire truck in 2-5 years. The LGRFA is doing well financially, and staffing is getting better. They received 8 applications for 1 opening.
9. **Commissioner Report:** Commissioner Pohl reported a correction to the February report. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for restaurant impacts had been completed. New items: The county approved a project to update the mile and half mile survey points. Funding is provided by the state on a 40-year plan. There are 12 years left on this project. Frontier is filing Broadband grant application for Clinton County. The final grant awards are planned to be made in July. The Board of Commissioners approved several purchases for the Sheriff's Department: 1) A Jail Safety and Security Assessment 2) A body scanner to detect contraband of those entering the Jail, and 3) updates to the in-car video and body worn cameras.
10. **Sheriff Report:** Deputy Sheriff Spitler reported excitement at the Sheriff's Office about the new technology in Commissioner Pohl report. Statistics for February 1 – March 16: 211 calls for Eagle Township, 63 traffic stops mainly on I-96 with 3 OWI, 7 crashes. Citizens and board members thanked Deputy Sheriff Spitler for his service.
11. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Treasurer Oberg supported by Supervisor Schafer to pay the approved bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.
12. **Looking Glass Clean-Up Project – ~~Lloyd's Excavating, LLC/Truesdale~~:** No update.
13. **Giffels Webster contract:** Trustee Strahle inquired status of the Giffels Webster contract to update Clinton County Comprehensive Plan and ability for Eagle Township to get out of this contract. Supervisor Schafer will communicate with the consultant.
14. **Setting agenda for meetings:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to follow Board Policy and have the meeting agenda prepared by the Clerk and distributed to the Board Members by midnight Friday before the meeting. Motion carried.
15. **Seating at board table** – Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to request only Eagle Township Board Members sit at the front tables from this point forward. Motion carried.
16. **Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk