

Minutes  
Eagle Township Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 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.
2. **Present:** Trustee Dennis Strahle, Supervisor Patti Schafer, Clerk Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Kathy Oberg, absent w/notice Trustee Dick Jones;

**Others Present:** John Clark, Deputy Supervisor/LGRFA Chairman; Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner; Christopher Patterson, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

**Citizens:** Troy Stroud, Richard Sena, Marge Green, ~~John Clark~~, Sarah Keilen, Diana Locke, Mary Rademacher, Eric Rademacher, William R Sherman, Kathy and Dave Peters, David Hufnagel, Linn Romanik, Juan Torres, Jill Hill, Don Cooper, Bernetta Preston, Laurie Zoll, Greg Zoll, Eric Sutherland, Amy E Sutherland, Jennifer Rivera, Audra Ellis, Cori Feldpausch, Darren Gray, Ann Kirschke, Tim Kirschke, Sharon Wolf, Emily Chase, D Renee Dankenbring, Gordon Locke, Rosella Lonier, Dawn M Sherman, Jennifer DeFore, Brad Rich, Chris Feldpausch, Eva Cooper, Patricia I Mitchell, Penny Unger-Brookens, Arnie Rios, Chris Kingsley, Shirley Whittum, Loraine Hudson, Scott Smith, Steve Carr, Kristie Feldpausch, Jeff Rademacher, George Bedard, Connie Root, Geraldine Stevens, James Stevens, Judy Sena, Robert Tvorill, Judy Bronson, Jan M Seeger, Becky Theis, Pam Brown, Jean Prout, Wanda Rademacher, Julie Miller, Connie Iszler, John Iszler, Michelle Leonard, Jason Phillips, Jeff McNeilly, Matt Bedard, Jan Miller, Cheryl Moyer, David Crippen, Margie Worth, Sue Thelen, Mike Dyer, Charles Thelen, Phil Boyd, Wendell Dankenbring, Brandon Rios, Sandi VanderBroek, Dave VanderBroek, Heidi Wagner, Todd R Wagner, Gina Edick, Dave Preston, Kirk Beaune, Karen Bedard, Nathan Bedard, Nicole Selleck, Sue Spitzley, Neil R Miller, Carina Metevia, Dan Feldpausch, Jamie McDermid, Patricia Fuller, Owen Hufnagel, Ben Coleman, San Juanita Lira, Janine Dyer, Leah Horn, Gilberto J Arambula, Jane May, Diane Schulte, Larry Schulte, James Donaldson, Carolyn Donaldson, Joe Haddix, Terry Grant, Linda Brown Heffron, Linda Simpson, Cady Ness-Smith, Danny Block, Rob Currie, Martha Kenyon, Marcus Chase, Curt Kenyon, Jeff Selleck

3. **Citizen comments:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to invoke section 5.2.1 of the Board Policy to allow a citizen the chance to speak once tonight either at citizen comment or on a specific agenda item. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Absent: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen's Comments:** Citizens voiced various concerns on the potential development of a large section of property in Eagle Township.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.
6. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

7. **LGRFA Report** – LGRFA Chairman John Clark reported that the audit for the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority is complete, and financials are in very good condition. Partner Delta Township has achieved full staffing with training of all members to be completed by September. The facility committee is looking at equipment needs in the next couple of years for capital expenditures which may include an ambulance and potentially a fire truck. Medical runs are approximately 75-80% of total runs.
8. **Commissioner Report** – Commissioner Pohl reported that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners approved an HVAC study of the Greenhaven facility. Property taxable values increased for cost of living which will result in higher tax bills. Clinton County wind and solar energy ordinances are being reviewed and prepared for adoption in the fall. The McKenna company will provide interim planning services while the County searches for a full-time planner to replace recently retired Doug Riley. An Employee Classification and Compensation study has been approved. The Board of Commissioners approved continuing with the Giffels Webster study.
9. **Clinton County Utility Scale Solar and Wind Advisory Committee** – This is a subcommittee of the Clinton County Planning Commission. The advisory committee will have a representative from each of the 11 townships utilizing Clinton County Planning and Zoning. Trustee Dennis Strahle will represent Eagle Township on the advisory committee which also includes two Planning Commissioners and Commissioner Vail-Shirey as the facilitator. Advisory committee meetings will begin at the end of June, and they expect to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission by September 14, 2023.
10. **Attorney Services:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to allow no expenses by the attorney for deliverables without Board approval. Motion rescinded and no vote was taken. Instead, an Attorney Policy will be discussed at a future meeting to document the rules for engaging the township attorney.
11. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Treasurer Oberg to pay the approved bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.
12. **Giffels Webster Contract (update):** Estimated timeline for Giffels Webster to finish the contract was received from John Fuentes, Clinton County Administrator/Controller.
13. **Eagle Township Planning Commission:** Supervisor Schafer received 30 applications for Planning Commission. Supervisor Schafer will schedule interviews to be conducted at special meetings. Tentative dates for meetings: June 26 and 29 and July 5, 6, and 7.
14. **Personal Property Policy and Procedure:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to send the Personal Property Policy and Procedure received from the township assessor to the attorney for legal review. Motion carried.
15. **Township Hall Rental Fee/Cancellation Policy:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to refund the full \$200 hall rental fee for cancellation of the reservation for July 15, 2023. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Absent: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Treasurer Oberg to approve updated Hall Rental Rules as follows: a) Remove cancellation fee verbiage from paragraph 1; b) Update “Please Note: The Township Board Reserves” to include “the right to charge renter for damages”; c) Clarify the deposit to be a “\$50 Cleaning Deposit” for all renters. The Clerk is instructed to post the updated rules at the Township Hall, on the Eagle Township website, and update the Schedule of Fees accordingly. These changes will be effective June 15, 2023. Motion carried.

16. **Michigan EGLE WRD Wetland Identification Report: 19-W Grand River Hwy & S Wright Rd-Eagle Twp:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Treasurer Oberg to receive and place on file EGLE WIP Submission HPN-GGK3-MGD5X for 19-W Grand River Hwy & S Wright Rd-Eagle Twp. Motion rescinded and no vote was taken.

Supervisor Schafer to contact EGLE regarding an incorrect Parcel Number on the report and request a corrected report.

17. **Create Zoning Board and Ordinances (Tabled April 20, 2023):** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to move the Zoning Board and Ordinance discussion to July 20, 2023, meeting. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Absent: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.

18. **Postcard Cost/Mailing:** No action taken.

19. **Eagle Township Schedule of Fees:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to update the Schedule of Fees with the new Niles Cemetery fees provided by sexton Jake SchaEfer, LLC, effective June 15, 2023. Motion carried.

20. **Eagle Township Policy Review:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to have the clerk post the draft agenda to the Eagle Township website after Board packets have been emailed. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Absent: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Strahle to have the clerk post draft minutes to the Eagle Township website within the statutory requirement timeframe PER MCL 15.269. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Absent: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.

21. **Minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting** – Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Strahle to approve minutes as presented. SUPERVISOR SCHAFFER VOTED NO. Motion carried.

22. **Adjournment:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk