

Minutes
Eagle Township Board Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 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, Trustee Dick Jones;

Others Present: Kyle O'Meara, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

Citizens: Patricia Fuller, Travis Metcalf, Mary Rademacher, Michelle and Alan Hoppes, Peg McLeod, Patty Foreman, Carolyn Donaldson, Jim Donaldson, Joe Haddix, Becky Theis, Robin Currie, Linda Brown Heffron, Linn Romanik, Kelleen Stiffler, Sue Wright, Mark Higbee, Chris Kingsley, Sandi VanderBroek, David VanderBroek, Kristie Feldpausch, Jeff Rademacher, Brad Rich, Sue Thelen, Dan Feldpausch, Cheryl Moyer, Janine Dyer, Leah Horn, Cori Feldpausch, Joe Droste, Fredric McLaughlin, Margie Wirth, Emily Dyer, Pam Clark, Scott Clark, Darrin and Deb Gray

3. **Citizen comments:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to invoke section 5.2.1 of the Board Policy to allow citizens the chance to speak once tonight either at citizen comment or during the comment period of a specific agenda item. Each person can speak once tonight for a maximum of 3 minutes. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: Trustee Jones. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen's Comments:** Citizen voiced 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 Trustee Jones supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
7. **LGRFA Report** – Trustee Strahle reported that the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority is determining the costs of a new ambulance and reviewing the life of the current fire truck and tanker truck. The LGRFA expects to order a new ambulance before the end of the year with approval from Eagle and Watertown Townships. The ambulance SHOULD be the same as the Delta ambulance and per agreement will be run BY DELTA TOWNSHIP and owned by THE LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY ~~Delta Township~~ AS WELL AS LGRFA NAME ON IT.
8. **Clinton County Utility Scale Solar and Wind Advisory Committee** – Trustee Strahle reported that there are presenters at tonight's advisory committee meeting at the County, but he was unable to attend due to a conflict with the Eagle Township Board meeting. There is a wind turbine tour scheduled for the week of July 24, and a solar panel tour will be scheduled. The subcommittee

expects to make a recommendation to the Clinton County Planning Commission by September 14, 2023.

9. **Clerk's Report** – Clerk Briggs-Dudley reported on election changes due to Proposal 22-2. Proposal 22-2 that passed in November 2022 provides for many changes in voting including the following: 9 days of early voting required for state and federal elections. This will be accomplished by creating 2 to 3 countywide sites for Clinton County residents to vote which will tentatively be at Dewitt Township, Bengal Township, and possibly Bath Township. Days/locations will be supervised by local township clerks with local election inspectors. Costs will be shared among the total number of precincts in the county. The first election with early voting will be the 2024 presidential primary. A state-funded drop box has been ordered which will be placed at the township hall. The drop box will also require a security camera. The State of Michigan will pay return postage for AV applications and AV ballots via postal permits. Permanent AV application is changing to Permanent AV Ballot where no application will be required. The State will be providing suggested communications which can be used by the local clerks to inform their voters of the changes due to Proposal 22-2. Eagle Township will have a November election due to Eaton RESA Special Education millage.
10. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Trustee Jones supported by Supervisor Schafer to pay the approved bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.
11. **Minutes from May 18, 2023 meeting:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to correct item #16 on the May 18, 2023 minutes to strike Treasurer Strahle which should be Trustee Strahle in both places. Motion carried.
12. **Giffels Webster Contract (update):** No action.
13. **Personal Property Policy & Procedure Assessor:** Carry forward to August meeting.
14. **Post Card Mailing:** No action.
15. **Niles Cemetery:** Supervisor Schafer will monitor mowing of cemetery.
16. **Letter to Clark Retirement Communities and Clark Foundation from Trustee Strahle:** No action.
17. **Planning Commission Appointments:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Treasurer Oberg to approve the following appointments and corresponding terms to the Eagle Township Planning Commission:

Eric Sutherland	1-year term
Richard Jones	Ex-officio for his term of office
John Iszler	1-year term
Michelle Hoppes	2-year term
Robin Currie	2-year term

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

18. **Minutes from June 15, 2023, Meeting:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Jones to approve the June 15, 2023, minutes as amended. Motion carried.
19. **Create Zoning Board and Ordinances (table extended June 19, 2023):** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to task the Eagle Township Planning Commission to present a plan for the creation, sustainability, and perpetuity for bringing zoning and ordinances to the local township level. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
20. **Contract for Countryside Accounting:** No action.
21. **Contract for Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC:** No action.
22. **Michigan EGLE WRD Wetland Identification Report: 19-W Grand River Hwy & S Wright Rd Eagle:** No action.
23. **Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Treasurer Oberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk