

Minutes
Eagle Township Board Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 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;
3. **Citizens:** Judy Bronson, Sarah Keilen, Mark Pung, Kris Stroud, Leo Stroud, Margie Wirth, Jeff Rademacher, Kristie Feldpausch, Andy Edick, Dan Feldpausch, Judy Sena, Richard C Sena, Leah Horn, Dave Peters, Kathy Peters, Emily Dyer, Becky Theis, Mary Rademacher, Carolyn Donaldson, Troy Stroud, Sue Thelen, inn Romanik, Chelsea Hoppes, Curt Kenyon, Martha Kenyon, Patricia Fuller, Janine Dyer, Pam Brown, Darrin Gray, Kelleen Stiffler, Sue Wright, Diane Schulte.
4. **Citizen comments:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to invoke section 5.2.1 of the Eagle Township Policy to allow citizens the chance to speak once tonight either at an item on the agenda or during public comment for a maximum of 3 minutes. Motion carried.
5. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.
7. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
8. **LGRFA Report** – Supervisor Schafer reported that the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority finalized their 2024 budget at the LGRFA meeting on August 16, 2023. The LGRFA recommends the budget which is approved by Eagle Township and Watertown Township. There is an increase in staffing costs and a new ambulance purchase included in the 2024 budget. The financials are in good shape.
9. **Clinton County Utility Scale Solar and Wind Advisory Committee** – Trustee Strahle reported that the committee has begun to have discussions as to the content of the amendment to the zoning ordinance. The committee had their first public comment period. A meeting with more presenters was being held August 17, 2023. The goal is to have the recommendation for the ordinance to the Clinton County Planning Commission at their Sept 14, 2023, meeting.
10. **Eagle Township Planning Commission Report** – An organizational meeting of the Eagle Township Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 10 am at the Eagle Township Hall.
11. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to pay the approved bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.

12. **Personal Property Policy & Procedure Assessor:** Motion by Clerk-Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to adopt the Eagle Township Policy and Procedures for Personal Property Canvas and Maintaining Personal Property Assessment Roll as presented. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Jones, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
13. **Contract for Countryside Accounting:** Motion by Treasurer Oberg supported by Trustee Strahle to compensate Countryside Accounting for accounting help provided to the Eagle Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley. No Votes: None. Abstain: Supervisor Schafer. Motion carried.
14. **Minutes from July 20, 2023, Meeting:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the July 20, 2023, minutes as amended. Motion carried.
15. **Planning Commission Compensation:** No action.
16. **Township Hall Repairs:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve fixing the gutters, eave troughs, and downspouts with a cap of \$2,000 to take care of the water problem in the basement of the Eagle Township Hall. Motion carried.
17. **AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to approve the Metro Act right of way permit extension with Michigan Bell dba AT&T Michigan for 5 years with expiration date of December 31, 2028. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion Carried.
18. **Paxton Project:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to instruct the Clerk to send a letter to Jaclyn Hutchison, Tri -County Development Manager, at Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) requesting all LEAP communications regarding Eagle Township matters be initiated to the Eagle Township Supervisor and Eagle Township Clerk rather than to initially contact the Eagle Township attorneys at Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. CC letter to Eagle Township Board Members and Chris Patterson, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
19. **Citizen Comments:** Several citizens made comments in support of requiring LEAP to initiate contact with the Eagle Township Board and not to initially contact the Eagle Township attorney.
20. **LGRFA 2024 Budget and Ambulance Purchase:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve Eagle Township funding to LGRFA to purchase a new ambulance at \$340,000 with Eagle Township's 35% share of the unfunded cost of \$190,000 to be \$66,500. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the LGRFA 2024 Budget as presented.

Operating Budget:	\$934,833
Capital Outlay:	\$379,396 (includes new ambulance purchase)
	-\$150,000 (LGRFA Fund Balance contribution to ambulance purchase)
Total Budget:	\$1,164,229

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

21. **Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Treasurer Oberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk