

Minutes
Eagle Township Board Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 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. **Others Present:** Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner; Rob Currie, Eagle Township Planning Commission; Tim Krause, Granger Waste Services; Jim Grant, Granger Waste Services; Dave Paxton, Paxton Countertops
4. **Citizens:** Robert Gross, Judy Bronson, Pam Clark, Scott Clark, Emily Chase, Troy Stroud, Darrin Gray, Brad Rich, Becky Theis, Curt Kenyon, Martha Kenyon, Jason Phillips, John Vance, Patty Raymond, Connie Iszler, John Iszler, Geraldine Stevens, James Stevens, Nancy Thelen, Jane May, Taylor Bass, Eric Rademacher, David Hufnagel, Janine Dyer, Kelleen Stiffler, Sue Wright, Barb Falor, Chuck Truesdell, Linn Romanik, Robert Tvorik, Keith Lambert, Patricia Fuller, Dave & Kris Stairs, Dan Feldpausch, Mark Higbee, Mary Christmas, Jim Donaldson, Mary Rademacher, Margie Wirth, Diane Schulte, Beverly Sherman, Sandi VanderBroek, David VanderBroek, Tim Falor, Dave Peters, Kristie Feldpausch, Sara J Mathews Clark
5. **Presentation:** Tim Krause, Director of Granger Engineering, from Granger Waste Services and consultant Jim Grant gave a presentation and held a question-and-answer period regarding Granger Waste Services request to Clinton County to amend Clinton County's Part 115 Solid Waste Management Plan.
6. **Citizen comments:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to activate section 5.2.1 of the Board Policy to allow citizen comments for agenda items after Board discussion and prior to Board vote, maximum speaking time of 3-minutes per person per agenda item. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
7. **Citizen's Comments:** Citizens commented on the pending tax abatement request for Paxton Countertops.
8. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
9. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
10. **LGRFA Report:** Trustee Strahle reported that a new ambulance is on order for the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority after receiving approval from both Eagle Township and Watertown Township. New tires will be put on the fire engine and tanker which both underwent a recent inspection. The generator kept the fire station fully operational throughout the power outage.

11. **Commissioner Report:** Clinton County Commissioner Pohl reported that United Way presented a report to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners (BOC) regarding ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) residents. United Way is offering help such as budgeting, tax preparation, diet planning, etc. Multiple meetings have been scheduled October 10 and 11 by ITC to answer questions on a proposed electrical transmission line between Gratiot County and Onieda Township to give the system resiliency. Clinton County cannot approve or deny this proposal as it falls under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). Clinton County will hold a public hearing on October 31 regarding the possible adoption of an ordinance regulating Off Road Vehicles (ORV) on county roads. The BOC voted to approve the Granger amendment to the Part 115 Solid Waste Management Plan. The County purchased 67 acres of land on Pratt Road for a future park to include trails and swimming. The County is looking to apply for a new broadband initiative BEAD (Broadband Equity and Access and Deployment) that could help expand broadband service in the county. Retention bonuses were approved for Clinton County staff. The Clinton County 2024 budget hearing will be held on October 10.
12. **Clinton County Utility Scale Solar and Wind Advisory Committee:** Trustee Strahle reported that the Clinton County Ways and Means committee approved one more meeting of the advisory committee to be held on September 28. This will allow the advisory committee to finalize the proposed ordinances to be submitted to the Clinton County Planning Commission.
13. **Eagle Township Planning Commission Report:** Chairperson Currie reported that at the September 7 meeting, the Planning Commission ratified by-laws and approved the 2023 meeting schedule. The Planning Commission approved getting information from four companies to help assist with planning and to look at the cost of zoning at the township level. The Giffels Webster report was discussed, and the Planning Commission approved requesting the Eagle Township Board to recommend that the Clinton County Planning Commission and Clinton County Board of Commissioners take no action on the Giffels Webster report.
14. **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. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: Trustee Strahle. Motion carried.
15. **Paxton Countertops:** Dave Paxton gave an overview of his plans to bring Paxton Countertops to his property on Grange Road and his request for a PA 198 Tax Abatement. Mr. Paxton answered questions from the Eagle Township Board and citizens regarding the project and abatement request. The Eagle Township Board stated it didn't have enough information at this time, and a motion was made to gather more information on the request and process.

Motion by Clerk-Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to have the attorney assist the Clerk with the following items: 1) Post/mail public hearing notices to properties in the proposed district as well as taxing jurisdictions regarding the requested tax abatement for Paxton Countertops' Granger Road property with the public hearing to be held at the October 19, 2023, Eagle Township Board meeting. 2) Draft a proposed resolution to establish an Industrial Development District (IDD) for the Paxton property on Granger Road. 3) Create a checklist of next steps for the abatement request. In addition to the work by the Clerk and attorney: 4) The Supervisor will work with the applicant and

Clinton County on the updates to the Paxton site plan and with the Eagle Township Assessor to calculate numbers for the abatement request. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

16. **Township Hall Repairs:** Clerk Briggs-Dudley reported that downspouts are scheduled to be repaired on September 25, 2023.
17. **Giffels Webster Update:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer for Eagle Township to receive the Giffels Webster Land Use Study Report and place it on file. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Jones, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
18. **Everstream Metro Act Permit Update:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the amended Everstream Metro Act Permit Application dated 9/10/21 revised 8/16/2023 and the amended Everstream Metro Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit to include an additional route starting at M-100 and W Grand River Hwy and heading east to the customer. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
19. **Minutes from Special Meeting August 31, 2023:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to approve the August 31, 2023, minutes as amended. Motion carried.
20. **Eagle Township Email Vendor:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to switch the Eagle Township Board email vendor for the existing five email boxes from VC3 to Shumaker Technology Group (STG) at a cost of \$80/email box annually plus a \$300 initial setup fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to set up four additional named email boxes with Shumaker Technology Group (STG) for the Eagle Township Planning Commission at a cost of \$80/email box annually. Motion carried.

21. **Planning Commission Compensation:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to pay the Planning Commission members \$45 for each attended Eagle Township Planning Commission meeting. Payment to be made at the end of each calendar quarter from meeting attendance sheets submitted retroactive to the initial meeting on August 29, 2023, to be paid via 1099. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Clerk Briggs-Dudley to pay the members serving as the meeting chairperson and secretary each an additional \$20/meeting for Eagle Township Planning Commission meetings. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Jones, Treasurer Oberg, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

22. **Niles Cemetery Tree Cleanup:** Report by Clerk Briggs-Dudley on the tree damage caused by the August storm and subsequent cleanup at Niles Cemetery. Further investigation will be done in the spring to determine the cost to remove the entire tree.

23. **Granger Landfill Solid Waste Amendment Request:** No action.
24. **EMS Budget Amendment:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Jones to approve the budget amendment request to take the LGRFA ambulance purchase for \$66,500 from the EMS Fund Balance and increase the EMS Authority Capital Outlay Budget line. Motion carried.
25. **Local Control Resolution:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to adopt resolution 09-21-2023-01 expressing support to maintain local control over local land uses as amended and forward to Michigan legislature. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
26. **Township Insurance Renewal:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Jones to approve renewing insurance for 2023-2024 with the David Chapman Agency. Motion carried.
27. **Keys to Township Hall:** Motion by Supervisor Schafer supported by Trustee Strahle to give three keys for the Eagle Township Hall to each of the Eagle Township Planning Commission members per Board Policy 12.2 which will include a key to the front door, a key to the kitchen, and a key to the storage room. Each member to sign out the keys and return when no longer on the Eagle Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Schafer to have a basement key placed in the storage room at the Eagle Township Hall for future use. Motion carried.
28. **Election Update:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to approve Eagle Township to participate in the Clinton County Early Voting Agreement. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Trustee Jones, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
29. **Clinton County Public Hearing Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance:** No action.
30. **ITC Transmission Open House:** No action.
31. **Audit Receiving:** No action.
32. **Adjournment:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Schafer to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk