

REGULAR MEETING OF EAGLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 4, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at Eagle
Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle, MI 48822

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Morris with Pledge to the Flag. Board Members present: Supervisor David Morris, Deputy Clerk Jane Korroch, Treasurer Patti J. Schafer, Trustees Stephen Colby and Patricia Hazen. Absent: Clerk Wendy K. Simmons. Also present: County Commissioner Sara Clark Pierson, Deputy Mark Vermillion from Clinton County Sheriff Department, Fire Chief Casey Godlewski and Jeremy Nagel from Community Newspapers; also approximately 20 Township residents. Also State Rep. Larry Julian.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Chad Pitsch spoke about the traffic speed at the corner of Eaton Highway and Jones Road/Benton Road and presented a Petition requesting that stop signs be placed making it a four way stop. Reduced speed limits was also discussed but four way stop would be more effective. This would have to be worked out with the Eaton County Road Commission and Oneida Township. Chief Godlewski also suggested that a street light be placed on M-100 at State Road as this is a hard corner to see when you come upon it.

Gary Peterson stated that in regard to the mobile home park, we are virtually dead in the water and asked if the Township would be willing to invest in legal fees to see if the Consent Judgement could be set aside and that the Township should distance itself from the County and do its own planning and zoning. There was more discussion of the repercussions of the mobile home park being built including water problems, environment, traffic, property value to name a few. Mr. Morris has spoken with Mr. Fahey, the County's attorney and Richard Robinson who is the attorney for Dewitt. He would charge \$160.00 per hour to investigate court records and give an opinion as to whether or not we would have a case. The previous court case was discussed. Also discussed was whether or not Consumers could run natural gas to the area when the electrical is Tri-County Electric. Mr. Morris stated that in certain areas this can be intermingled. Rev. Burkhardt stated that he had been told that the pipeline through the village would not be large enough to supply the mobile home park. Sara Pierson stated that _____ actually sued the County before they were turned down by Planning and Zoning. Sara also tries to explain the client/attorney privilege being waived if residents were included in litigation negotiations.

Moved by Colby, supported by Schafer that Mr. Morris contact Mr. Robinson and ask him to go through court documents and Planning and Zoning records and give us an opinion as to whether or not we would have a chance of setting aside the Consent Judgment to try to stop the building of the mobile home park. The time allotted would be approximately 20 hours. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

Moved by Colby, supported by Schafer that Mr. Morris contact the Clinton County Road Commission to start the process of getting the corner of Eaton Highway and Jones Road/Benton Road to become a four way stop. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

Moved by Hazen, supported by Schafer that Mr. Morris contact Consumers Energy regarding the rate and installation costs for a light at M-100 and State Road and if consistent with the cost of the light near the elevator to request that a light be placed at State Road. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

2. **MINUTES** moved by Schafer, supported by Colby to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Moved by Colby, supported by Hazen to accept the report as printed. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

4. **LETTERS** were presented. No action required. Comment was made regarding the recycling grant and that Ron Hodge might be interested in doing a tire recycling again this year.

5. **BILLS** were reviewed. Moved by Hazen, supported by Schafer to pay same and any other regular bills received during the month. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

6. **MAINTENANCE PERSON** - Pat Hazen stated that Barb Dunn may be interested. Pat will speak with her.

7. **FIRE CONTRACT** - Watertown and Oneida has notified the City that they will not renew the current fire contract when it expires. Moved by Schafer, supported by Colby that the City be notified that Eagle Township will not renew the existing contract. Motion carried, 4 yes, 1 absent.

8. **FIRE CHIEF SELECTION** moved by Colby, supported by Schafer that we would be agreeable to by-pass the fire contract for the selection of a new fire chief and we had previously sent a letter supporting Casey Godlewski. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

9. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT** - David appointed the following for members of the Planning Commission to be effective on December 15, 2000. Tom Feldpausch, Dick Jones, Jim Palmiter, Karen Feldpausch, Larry Schulte, Mark Terrian, Patricia Hazen, Shirley Mull and Ron Hodge. Lots will be drawn in January to determine term of office. Moved by Colby, supported by Schafer to accept these appointments. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

10. **MCALLISTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT** - after review, moved by Schafer, supported by Colby to support the approval of this ECHO housing unit. Motion carried, 4 yes, 1 absent.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REZONING** of Property on Grange at McCrumb Road was discussed. This would be from Agricultural Development Character to Manufactured Housing. Moved by Hazen, supported by Schafer to strongly oppose this rezoning. Motion carried 4 yes, 1 absent.

11. **PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATOR** - Moved by Hazen, supported by Schafer to support a resolution appointing Wendy K. Simmons as the Pension Plan Administrator. Resolution declared adopted by roll call vote: Yes, Morris, Schafer, Colby, Hazen; Absent, Simmons.

We will invite Lynn Bright to attend out January meeting to discuss the pension plan and the change to Dimensions program this will begin at 6:30 p.m.

12. **MEETING DATES** were set for the year including the annual meeting and budget date. Moved by Schafer, supported by Hazen to support a resolution approving these dates as set. Resolution declared adopted by roll call vote: Yes, Schafer, Colby, Hazen, Morris. Absent, Simmons.

Chief Godlewski would like a fire board meeting on December 27. This date is alright with the Eagle Board. He will contact the others.

13. **PORTLAND LIBRARY** - David presented a letter from Janice Mosser requesting that she speak to the Board. The clerk will contact her and request that she attend our February meeting.

14. **BOARD OF REVIEW** - David appoints the following to the Board of Review: Leo Murphy, Harley Barnes and Jim Harsant. Moved by Schafer, supported by Colby to accept these appointments. Motion carried.

OTHER COMMENTS: Also discussed: David reports that the road abandonment on Herbison at Bauer has been recorded by the CCRC. Dan Schroeder asked how many people voted at the election. CCRC budget and appointment of new Road Commissioner.

Sara suggested that the Clerk send a letter of congratulations to the Grand Ledge Football team and the St. Patricks Girls Basketball team.

ADJOURN: Moved by Colby, supported by Hazen to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

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approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk
Jane A. Korroch, Deputy Clerk