

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
August 6, 2001

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Morris at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Patti Schafer, Trustees Stephen Colby and Patricia Hazen, Deputy Clerk Jane Korroch. Also present were: County Commissioner Sara Clark Pierson, Deputy Mark Vermillion from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, John Bayless of the City of Grand Ledge, Fire Chief Casey Godlweski, Jeremy Nagel of Community Newspapers and approximately ten township residents and interested persons.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Morris offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment - Mr. Lyle Berchman is a resident on Cutler Road. Cutler Road is maintained by Westphalia Township and the residents would like to get two additional passes of chloride for the road. Because the road condition is so poor, residents have contributed personally to this endeavor. Mr. Berchman is asking Eagle Township to contribute \$500.00 (One pass costs approximately \$870.00). Supervisor Morris stated that in the past he has turned down requests of this sort, however he feels very good about the fact that the residents are contributing themselves. Westphalia Township is putting two loads of chloride on now and Mr. Berchman hasn't asked for additional help from them.

Mr. Gary Peterson stated that he has talked with a lady in Ash Township who has been fighting a Landon Company manufactured housing development for 6 years. Mr. Peterson would like Eagle Township to contribute to this legal fund. The lady in Ash Township also stated that a citizen's group should be formed to fight the development in Eagle Township.

4. Approval of Minutes – Trustee Hazen made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of July 2, 2001, incorporating the change to Mrs. Samantha Parks, item 3; as well as the minutes from the special meetings of July 20, 2001 and July 31, 2001 as printed. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report - Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

6. Planning Commission Report – Russ Bauerle, County Commissioner, attended the last meeting of the Planning Commission and detailed the Land Preservation Act to the Commission. Jim Spackman did not have the final numbers ready for the resident survey. Trustee Colby asked about the boring results on the Manufactured Housing Development, Trustee Hazen has all the results on the wells.

7. Letters to Board - Clerk Simmons review the letters to the Board. Trustee Hazen made a motion to allow Board members to attend the MTA fall district meeting. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

8. Accounts Payable – Trustee Hazen made a motion to pay the Township bills as listed, and all other regular bills that occur during the month. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

9. Land Division Ordinance – Supervisor Morris reviewed the issues regarding land division. The Board concluded that additional research was required before action could be taken on the proposed land division ordinance.

10. Federal Surplus Card – Treasurer Schafer stated that the card is signed and able to be used again. Three Board members went out to look at federal surplus. All attending members stated that it was nice to see what items were available.

11. Census Correction – Clerk Simmons gave an overview of the status of the census correction.

12. Fire Coverage – Supervisor Morris gave an overview of the current fire situation. Chief Godlewski stated that mutual aid is a written agreement, and there is not currently a written agreement with Delta Township, it is a gentlemen's agreement and he doesn't see that changing. Clerk Simmons asked Mr. Bayless if the stand by charge in the proposed agreement would be the same to contract only parts of the township. Mr. Bayless said that he view the proposal as a place to begin discussion. Further, he commented on the new authority being formed by the City of Grand Ledge and Oneida Township. He stated that the new authority probably would not have taxing power for quite some time and possibly never, that taxing power would be granted only when voted on by the people. He views the authority as a shell corporation providing fire service to Oneida & Grand Ledge and any one else, and it shouldn't change costs initially, it will only be a new entity providing coverage. Trustee Hazen asked Mr. Bayless how close the new authority was to completion. Mr. Bayless said he don't know, that he thought everybody is thinking and looking at how things are going to fall into place as we reach the end of December.

Treasurer Schafer raised some concerns regarding the Fire Department balance sheet and revenue/expenditure report.

13. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Clark Pierson reported that the Commissioners have approved 911 millage money for mobile units for police, etc. in surrounding jurisdictions. She also reported that State appropriations have been cut for public and mental health, and that there is a general tightening of the belt for human services. Regarding the property on Stoll & Jones Road, Commissioner Clark Pierson thinks that property will become part of the Metro Squad's contraband if there is a conviction. Also, she will check to see if the Township could participate with the Metro Squad in obtaining reimbursement for the fire department run.

14. Town Hall Maintenance – Trustee Hazen will donate a high chair to the town hall. Also, she will have Mr. Bob Hazen put a long neck faucet in the kitchen.

15. Cutler Road – Trustee Colby made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the chloride of Cutler Road, as the residents have made their own contributions towards the project. He further moved to ask Mr. Berchman to contact Westphalia Township and ask them to also make a contribution. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

16. Other – Mr. Peterson asked how many resident surveys were issued from the Planning Commission. Trustee Hazen will follow up with that. Also, Mr. Peterson asked when or if we would get an accurate site plan for the manufactured housing community. Sara stated that the county is not responsible to review a site plan, per the consent judgment. Only the Road Commission and Drain Commissioner will be required to approve the site plan, which may be different than what a typical sight plan would look like.

17. Adjournment - Supervisor Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Motion carried.

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Approved

Wendy Simmons, Clerk
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