

Regular Meeting  
Eagle Township Board  
January 11, 2011

**1. Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Supervisor Schafer at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor Patti Schafer, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Joe Smith, as well as Trustees Steve Colby and Mark Therrian. Also present were: Jerry McNeilly, Pat Hazen, Dennis Strahle, Jan Seeger, James Gatewood, Glenda Gatewood, Jeff Phifer, WT Johnson, Gary Pingel, Brett Eberhard, Brian Logan, Richard Schable, Marina Poroshin, Sergev Poroshin, and James Harsant.

**2. Agenda Approval** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**3. Citizen’s Comment** – None.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 as presented. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**5. Treasurer’s Report** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to accept the report as presented and place it on file. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**6. LGRFA Report** – Trustee Therrian offered a report that new officers have been elected and that the meeting schedule will remain as the third Wednesday of the month. Two firefighters have completed the Department’s Officer training program. A total of 430 runs were completed in 2010.

**7. Meetings Update Report** – Supervisor Schafer attended the Clinton County Officer’s Association meeting. New officers have been elected and the 2011 schedule has been set. The next meeting of the group will be on January 19, 2011.

**8. Correspondence** – Clerk Simmons and Supervisor Schafer reported on correspondence received during the month.

**9. Accounts Payable** – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$33,434.05 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**10. Whispering Winds Road Projects** – Tom Johnson presented the Board with petitions comprising signatures representing 22 parcels within the subdivision for “Option 4 Sealcoat and Double Micro Surf. (\$38,488 est. cost) Resurfacing of Hardenburg Trail, Harphan Dirve, & Kuiper Drive”. He also read to the Board a letter with concerns that he is requesting be included with a contract with the Road Commission.

**Jim Harsant** – Asking when the funds be billed for the project? Supervisor Schafer stated that the billing will be on the winter tax.

**Brent Eberhard** – Where did the two year payment come from? Will there be interest included on the assessment? Supervisor Schafer stated that residents in the Township have never had to pay interest on any assessments. She stated that the two year time period was a compromise from the Board to the residents. Mr. Eberhard is concerned that going forward there will be some road tax that will be imposed, subsequent to this project. He wondered if the Board has considered doing a township-wide tax. Supervisor Schafer said that she didn’t believe that the Township had ever considered a township tax. The problem with the County tax is that

the money would not have been allocated back to the township from which it was assessed. He further asked about the County's 50% project funding, and the Township's current crack-fill contract policy.

Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the petitions for consideration, and forward petitions and documentation to County Road Commission for review. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**11. Cody Hall Rent Fees** – Supervisor Schafer contacted Mrs. Cody and left a message regarding the situation. The Board agreed that Mrs. Cody's reimbursement was paid in advance, and therefore, her account is settled as paid in full.

**12. Niles Cemetery Lawn Care** – Clerk Simmons made a motion place an RFP for 2011 and 2012 lawn care seasons for the Niles cemetery in both the Grand Ledge Independent and the Portland Review & Observer on January 23. Stating that bids must be post marked on Feb. 4, and will be opened at February 8 Board meeting. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**13. Fire Run Issues** - Clerk Simmons made a motion to waive \$250.00 of the \$750.00 fee for Pat Hazen (MM Account #204550). Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

The Board also discussed fire runs pertaining to: Ruckert Farm, American Motorwise, and for Jeri Lynn Jenson, without action.

**14. Public Comment** – Mr. Winstanley reported that he is proud of the members of the Board and how they work together and the way things are handled.

**15. Adjournment** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

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Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk