

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
January 13, 2009

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Schafer at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor Schafer, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Joe Smith, Trustees Steve Colby and Mark Therrian. Also present were: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl, Mr. Jerry McNeilly and Mr. Roy Ziegler.

2. Agenda Approval – Clerk Simmons made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment – No public comment was offered at this point in the meeting.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Clerk Simmons made a motion to receive the treasurer’s report and place it on file. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

5. Minutes – Trustee Therrian made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2008 as presented. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

6. LGRFA Report – Trustee Therrian reported that the Authority is still waiting to hear if the grant for the new fire truck has been received. He further reported that the Authority Board is hesitant to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the County for the reprogramming of the radios, as the County would be held harmless in the event of damage, etc. to the equipment.

7. Commissioner’s Report – Commissioner Pohl offered the following report:

- A further explanation the County’s perspective on the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Rich Trent has resigned (effective early March) and will be going to DeWitt Township.
- The 911 Funding mechanism, which provides funding until 2014, did pass the legislature. This legislation sets in place a \$2.00 per month charge for any device that can access the 911 system.
- The County is currently exploring options to improve 911 communications in ‘marginal’ areas throughout the county.
- The Road Commission is feeling the financial impact of maintaining the roads in this winter weather.

8. Website Report – Trustee Therrian reported that he has added a winter picture to the web site. He has been trying to add the land use plan to the site but has been having difficulty with the file format.

The Board discussed the possibility of having a professional company complete the site, and have Trustee Therrian maintain it thereafter.

9. Meetings Update Report – Supervisor Schafer reported that the Road Commission was at the Assessors’ Meeting today. They will be ‘pushing’ seal coating because of the cost of products. The Drain Commissioner was also there and reported on the two drains that will be repaired in Eagle this year. The Brokaw Drain will cost about \$6,000 per mile to repair. The Ira Howe Drain is also coming in quite high. The Howes will be sharing quite a bit of the cost of repair, as they are the primary beneficiaries.

Supervisor Schafer reported that she attended the meeting regarding the Keisch's request. The Mid-Michigan District Health Department would not allow the use of the current well. A new well has been drilled.

She reported that there were a lot of changes at the December Board of Review regarding denied Homestead Exemptions. She also distributed an informational piece that will be included with the February assessment notices.

The painting of the Township Hall kitchen will begin tomorrow and will be completed by January 23, 2009.

A staff person from Paul Opsommer's office contacted Supervisor Schafer to schedule a Town Hall meeting on Friday January 23 at the Eagle Township Hall.

Treasurer Smith reported on his attendance at the attorney's New Officials Conference. He and Trustee Therrian reported that the Board must be conscientious to share information only when emailing other Board members and cautioned against making any decisions in the process to avoid violating the Open Meetings Act. He also reported on his attendance at the 'HOGS' breakfast, where an emphasis was placed on flood plains.

Clerk Simmons reported that she would be meeting with Ingham, Ionia, Clinton and Eaton Counties to renew the agreements to coordinate school elections.

10. Correspondence – Clerk Simmons reviewed the correspondence to the Board.

11. Accounts Payable – Trustee Therrian made a motion to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$6,601.06 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

12. Ambulance Service – Trustee Colby made a motion to offer GLAESA a two-year service agreement (effective April 1, 2009) for ambulance transport at \$20,000 per year with a renewal for two additional years at \$25,000 per year, provided that the document includes a 30-day termination notice, which incorporates the prorating of service fees. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Colby, Smith, Simmons, Therrian, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. Rural Recycling Site – Clerk Simmons made a motion to appoint Supervisor Schafer to meet with all persons involved in the operation/maintenance of the Rural Recycling site located in Eagle Township. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

14. LGRFA Budget 2009 – Trustee Therrian made a motion to approve the 2009 LGRFA budget (Draft #4) in the amount of \$509,780.00 which includes the verbiage change to line item 738. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion carried.

15. LGRFA 2009 Contribution Percentages – Treasurer Smith made a motion to acknowledge and approve the use of the contribution percentages as presented (62/38 split) for the 2009 calendar year. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

- 16. Township Hall Rental Refund Request, Rodriquez Family** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to refund \$20.00 to the Rodriquez family for cancellation due to snow. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 17. Clerk’s Computer** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to approve the purchase of a Dell Inspiron 1525 for the Clerk’s use in the amount of \$999 plus tax. He further moved to purchase the 36 month McAfee Software program in the amount of \$20.00. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 18. Expense Submission Deadline Change** – Clerk Simmons made a motion that all expenses and hours through the end of the previous month must be submitted to the Clerk’s office by the end of the day on the 3rd of the month for submission to the Treasurer by the end of the day on the 5th of the month. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 19. The Basics of Budgeting Workshop** – Trustee Colby made a motion to allow Clerk Simmons to attend the MTA Basics of Budgeting Workshop in February. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 20. Clinton County Road Commission (CCRC) Letter Regarding Stoll Road** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to send a letter of complaint to the CCRC regarding the grading of the crown on Stoll Road. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 21. Board Policy Update** – Members agreed to submit their comments/changes to the current Board policy to Clerk Simmons by the end of the day on February 3 so that an updated draft may be prepared for review at the next Board meeting.
- 22. Board of Review Appointments** – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to reappoint Dick Jones, Jim Harssant, and Max Fish to the Board of Review for 2009 and 2010. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 23. Auditors Institute Fees** – Trustee Colby made a motion to approve the \$210.00 fee for Supervisor Schafer to attend the Auditors Institute. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.
- 24. Other** –Trustee Colby reported that his township-owned fax machine is not working.
- The Board discussed the MTA Parade of Flags. Treasurer Smith will take the township flag and carry it in the parade.
- 25. Adjournment** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk