

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
October 13, 2009

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:33 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: Rep. Brian Calley, George Weitzel Trustee of Watertown Township, Denny Miller, Pete Buurstra, Dick Jones, Bruce and Deborah Gould as well as Jerry McNeilly.

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

3. Public Comment – Brian Calley, State Rep. from Portland introduced himself to the Board. He is running for State Senate next year when Alan Cropsey is term limited. He reported on the status of the current budget situation.

Dick Jones addressed the Board regarding the type of use (weight, etc.) on the Jones Road Bridge. He is concerned about the extra traffic on the bridge since the load limits on the State Road Bridge have been lowered.

4. Approval of Minutes – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the minutes of September 1, 2009 as presented and September 29, 2009 as amended. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report – Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the report for and place it on file. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

6. Commissioner's Report – Dave Pohl notified Supervisor Schafer that he had a budget meeting this evening and that the County is planning to adopt a balanced budget. He also reported that he appreciated the Board having a special meeting to approve the Recycling Fee increase. He is proposing approximately \$14.00 rather than \$25.00. He also attended the Village meeting and encouraged that Board to reconsider their position and financially support the site.

There was a special meeting at the County level this month to further define language regarding adult uses within the County. The language was amended to specific that such establishments be 1000' from any site that children frequent, or other adult establishments. Also 'religious institutions' has been substitute with 'places where religious activities occur'.

7. Hall Check List Report – There were no reports to review.

8. LGRFA Report – The LGRFA Open House is this evening from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.. Pete Clark reported that the Department will be holding training on his farm on Saturday. Mr. Clark reported that he is impressed with the professionalism of the LGRFA crew. Trustee Therrian reported that the LGRFA Board meeting will be held tomorrow night, with a budget meeting being held prior to the Board meeting. Trustee Therrian and Clerk Simmons reported on the status of the truck bids. Clerk Simmons inquired of Mr. Wetzel if Watertown had acted on the proposed 2010 LGRFA operating budget. He reported that no action was taken on the proposed budget.

9. Meetings Update Report – There were no meetings attended, for which the item was not on the agenda.

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

11. Accounts Payable – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$67,797.10 and all regular bills that occur during the month, including election pay. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion carried.

12. Zoning Violations – Supervisor Schafer offered an update on some zoning violations in the Township. Specifically one on Wright Road that that Board has discussed previously. There is currently no action necessary on the Board's part.

13. Miller Sand & Gravel Final Site Plan Review PC-28-09 SP – A representative of Land Development Solutions spoke on Mr. Miller's behalf regarding the final site plan review. Mr. Colby inquired about the primary hauling route of the project. Mr. Miller stated that he is willing to work with both the Road Commission and the Township to mitigate any problems with the roads as the project progresses.

Trustee Colby made a motion to recommend approval of the final site plan for Miller Sand & Gravel. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

14. Clark Farms Petition for Change of Zone/Map Amendment OR-67-09 – Trustee Colby made a motion to recommend the petition for change of zone to mineral resources. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

15. Board of Review Alternate Dates – Clerk Simmons made a motion to allow the July Board of review meeting to be held any time during the week beginning the 3rd Monday of the month and the December Board of review meeting to be held any time during the week beginning the 2nd Monday of the month. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Aye: Colby, Therrian, Simmons, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

16. LGRFA 2010 Budget – No action was taken due to anticipated changes in the draft budget.

17. Township Display Cabinet – Clerk Simmons reported on a discussion she has had with a cabinet maker regarding making a display cabinet for historical township documents.

18. Whispering Winds Street Projects – Supervisor Schafer confirmed with the Members that the subdivision projects should be quoted next spring and a meeting held with the residents regarding the cost and completion of the projects.

19. LGRFA Truck Purchase – Supervisor Schafer reported that she has been asked to form a subcommittee of herself and Treasurer Smith to meet with Watertown Charter Township to discuss Watertown loaning Eagle its portion of the purchase price of the proposed new truck.

Trustee Colby made a motion to form a subcommittee of Supervisor Schafer and Treasurer Smith to meet with Watertown's Supervisor and Treasurer to discuss options for financing of Eagle's portion of the proposed truck purchase. Aye: Simmons, Smith, Therrian, Colby, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

20. Assessor Employment Status – Supervisor Schafer reported that current IRS opinion is that Assessors are now employees. Township Council has recommended making the change effective September 1. Her proposal is to begin working on an employment agreement after the first of the year, with the agreement taking effect on April 1, 2010.

21. Township Re-inspection Contract – Clerk Simmons made a motion to enter into the agreement with Randy Jewell Assessing Services for the re-inspection of Eagle Township (October 1, 2009 – March 1, 2013). Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

22. MTA 2010 Annual Convention – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to allow any Board member wishing to attend the MTA Annual Convention to do so at the Township's expense, reserving up to three rooms for the event. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

23. Outstanding Fire Run Issues – Supervisor Schafer reviewed the fire activities of Mr. Jon VanCourt, dating back to 2005.

Clerk Simmons made a motion to allow Supervisor Schafer to pursue obtaining a citation ordinance with Bill Fahey and pursuing the closure of Mr. Van Court's fire run charges. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

24. Audit Engagement Letter – No action taken on this item.

25. Other Business – Supervisor Schafer will be absent from the November 10 meeting.

26. Adjournment – Treasurer Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

11-10-09
Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk