

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
November 10, 2009

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

Members present were: Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Joe Smith, as well as Trustees Steve Colby and Mark Therrian. Absent with notice was Supervisor Schafer. Also present were: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl, LGRFA Fire Chief Steve Fabiano, Deputy Sherriff Mark Vermillon, and Mr. Jerry McNeilly.

2. Election of Meeting Chair – Trustee Therrian made a motion to appoint Clerk Simmons as meeting chair. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

3. Agenda Approval – Trustee Therrian made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment – Deputy Vermillon asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns. Clerk Simmons asked about monitoring of traffic speeds in the construction area of I-96. He reported that the department will patrol at MDOT's request. Trustee Colby asked if Deputy Vermillon would be in favor of lowering the speed limit on gravel roads to 45 mph.

5. Approval of Minutes – Treasurer Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of October 13 and 26, 2009 as presented. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Trustee Therrian made a motion to accept the report and place it on file. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

7. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Pohl reported that the ordinance regulating adult uses has been adopted. A hearing is being held Thursday night on the Wind Turbine Ordinance. He believes that by the end of the year an ordinance will be 'on the books'. He reported that the County is asking for \$1000 from each Township and City towards the cost of the mapping project. Budget wise the County is down about \$450,000 with a balanced budget, much of this through attrition and working on the budget for the last few years.

8. LGRFA Report – Clerk Simmons reported that the fire truck has been ordered. Chief Fabiano reported on the statewide competition in which the department has recently won 1st place. He personally thanked the Eagle Township Board for approving the purchase of the fire truck. One of the biggest challenges that the fire chief has to face is the recruitment and retention of volunteers, for the LGRFA retention is the biggest challenge. The following measures have been implemented to help combat turn over: department website; pancake breakfast fund raiser from which the money went to Class A uniforms for volunteers; receipt of a grant for public safety announcements on television providing public service announcements; and a newspaper article about the fire department monthly. The department is running smooth.

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

10. Meetings Update Report – Treasurer Smith went to the traffic summit which provided a rundown of projects done this year, and those to be completed 2010.

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

12. Accounts Payable – Trustee Colby made a motion to pay the bills as listed in the amount of \$35,523.57 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

13. Audit Engagement Letter – Clerk Simmons made a motion to enter an agreement as presented in the engagement letter with Abraham & Gaffney to provide audit services for 2010, 2011, and 2012. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

14. LGRFA Correspondence – Clerk Simmons made a motion to draft a letter to LGRFA staff involved in the team winning 1st place in the extrication competition, commending them on their efforts on behalf of the department and fire service area. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

15. Maintenance Agreement for Election Equipment – Clerk Simmons made a motion to enter into the full maintenance and support service agreement with Election Source for the Optech Insight tabulator, in the amount of \$271.00. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

16. Treasurer's Bar Code Scanner – Clerk Simmons made a motion to purchase a bar code scanner from BS&A in the amount of \$250.00 for tax processing purposes. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

17. Other Business – The Board discussed the state of the Township web site.

18. Adjournment – Trustee Therrian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk

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