

Special Workshop
Eagle Township Board
November 8, 2010

1. Call to Order - The special workshop of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 5:10 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. No one from the public was in attendance.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Clark Road Resurfacing – Supervisor Schafer reviewed the meeting she had with Joe Pulver regarding the surfacing on Clark Road. Only one pass of seal coat was done, as per the contract. She reiterated that she believed the Board thought that the same process would be used this year as last. She reported that the Road Commission is willing to crack fill the remaining large cracks at no charge next spring. The Board discussed that the County would like to do an additional application of seal coat next year, which would significantly extend the life of the road. The Board discussed that it would be better to wait until all the construction in the area is complete before applying the second application.

4. Niles Cemetery Improvements – Supervisor Schafer reported that she still has no correspondence regarding finishing the entrance/exit of the cemetery. She has requested three times that a cemetery board meeting be called to update the signage and complete the necessary frontage improvements. She also reported that there are about 50 headstones need to be reset and repaired. She suggested getting a quote from the sexton to repair/maintain the stones.

5. Capital Crossings – Nothing new to report. The trailer coach taxes are now being paid on time (September and October). The sale is still pending.

6. Whispering Winds Street Lights – Supervisor Schafer has spoken with Luther at Consumers Energy who is sending a survey to the Township regarding changing out the lights for something more efficient. He stated that the new lights are more efficient but the light is ‘yellowish’ rather than bright. Also, the lights are scheduled to be replaced under Consumer’s maintenance plan. If the residents choose to pay to change out the lights before they are scheduled it will take 20 years to recoup the costs.

7. Whispering Winds Road Project – Treasurer Smith reported that he and Trustee Colby met with Joe Pulver and Ernie Sakraska to discuss the road project. Treasurer Smith reported that in a candid moment it was stated that what it really comes down to ‘who is going to pay for it’?

Supervisor Schafer spoke with Ernie Sakraska on Friday who expected a packet of information from the Board which spelled out what two projects the Board proposed; how much the County would pay, how much the Township would pay and what would be left for the resident to pay; and how long they would have to pay. Both Trustee Colby and Treasurer Smith stated that was not what they felt was the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Sakraska also stated that it was generally agreed that the roads were public roads and should be paid for by the County and Township. Joe Pulver stated that the Township gets cost share and that it could be used to pay for the Whispering Winds roads.

8. Correspondence – Correspondence to the Board was presented for review. Action will be taken as necessary at the meeting scheduled for November 9, 2010.

9. Scott Hazen Fire Run Charges – The Board reviewed the situation that has culminated in Mr. Hazen acquiring six fire run charges, none of which have paid.

10. LGRFA Regionalization of Service – The Board was apprised that the Authority has recommended exploring regionalization possibilities.

11. Cynthia Rowe, Jones Road – Supervisor Schafer presented the Board with a packet of photos and discussed the issues at the property.

12. Charlie Harper – Supervisor Schafer has turned Charlie in for a violation as his vacant lot has not been mowed, there is an old trailer on the location, and he is trying to put in a driveway without a permit.

13. Adjournment – Trustee Therrian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

12/14/10
Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk