

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
December 1, 2008

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Schafer at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor Schafer, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Smith, Trustees Steve Colby and Mark Therrian. Also present were: LGRFA Fire Chief, Steve Fabiano; Deputy Sheriff Mark Vermillion; Mark and Lana Smith as well as Jerry McNeilly.

2. Agenda Approval – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

4. Minutes – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 17, and 25, 2008 as presented. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

5. 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.

6. LGRFA Report – Chief Fabiano reported that November was the slowest month the Department has experienced since inception (28 runs, 9 were for Eagle Township). Unfortunately, those numbers include two house fires.

7. Sheriff's Report – Deputy Mark Vermillion reported on the recent apprehension of the escapee. He reported that the new Clinton County jail has never had an escape. He reported that this could be attributed to both a secure facility and excellent corrections staff. Supervisor Schafer inquired about the status of the break-in at the Eagle Inn on October 31. She asked Deputy Vermillion to increase his patrol in the area of the Inn as well as in the Niles Cemetery.

8. Website Report – Trustee Therrian reported that he has been working on some corrections to the web site, has added Treasurer Smith for an email account and will be adding some updated winter photos of the Township.

9. Meetings Update Report – Supervisor Schafer reported that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has issued Sparty Bayuamus a 12-month extension of his site plan. Also, the Keyes final site plan review went before the Planning and Zoning Board, with the Board requesting some additional lighting and there may be some requirements regarding signage.

Supervisor Schafer also reported on the annual meeting of the Niles Cemetery Board. The society has agreed to proceed with selecting, installing and paying for new curtains in the Township hall in an amount up to \$1,000.

Supervisor Schafer attended the Eagle Park Board meeting. That Board is considering hosting a fund raising bar-b-que, for which they will be soliciting volunteers.

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

11. Accounts Payable – Trustee Therrian made a motion to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$54,615.78 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

12. Ambulance Service – Supervisor Schafer reviewed the service contract proposed by GLAESA and reported on the meeting she and Trustee Colby had with representatives of the GLAESA.

Clerk Simmons made a motion to empower Supervisor Schafer and Trustee Colby to offer GLAESA \$15,000 per year, for a two year agreement (April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2011). Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Therrian, Simmons, Smith, Colby, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. 2009 Meeting Schedule – Clerk Simmons made a motion to schedule the Board meetings 2009 for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (with no meeting on April 14) and hold an annual meeting on March 28 at 10:00 a.m. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Aye: Colby, Simmons, Smith, Therrian, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14. Rural Recycling Site – Supervisor Schafer reported that a signed contract for the recycling site has been signed. Cara Clore, from Clinton County Waste Management, would like to have a meeting to discuss issues regarding the site. Supervisor Schafer and Clerk Simmons will be meeting in February 2009 and asked the Board to bring any issues/items to the January meeting.

15. ‘Power Line Down’ Charges – Trustee Therrian made a motion to charge \$450.00 for ‘power line down’; ‘transformer fires’; and ‘arching and sparking wires’ fire runs. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion carried.

16. Smith Variance Request (ZC-10-08 VR) – Trustee Colby made a motion to recommend approval of the requested variance for Mr. Smith. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

17. Kitchen Painting – Clerk Simmons made a motion to engage the services of David A. Jones, Sr. to paint the township hall kitchen as per his quote, and to purchase an extra gallon of paint for touch-ups (service to be completed in January 2009). Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

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

19. Other – Trustee Therrian would like the Board to undertake a study regarding the cost of purchasing an ambulance for Eagle Township’s use.

20. Adjournment – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

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Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk