

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
February 2, 2004

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by Supervisor Morris at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Patti Schafer, and Trustee Patricia Hazen. Absent was Trustee Steve Colby. Also present were: Twenty-two residents and interested persons, including many Boy Scouts from Troup 129, Portland.

2. Pledge to the Flag – Mr. Morris led in the pledge to the flag.

3. Public Comments – Supervisor Morris offered a summary of Eagle Township and its governance for the audience.

There was no other public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes – Trustee Hazen made a motion to approve the minutes January 5, 2004 as printed. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

5. Street Lights - Treasurer Schafer inquired as to the status of the street lights requested to be installed at the last Township meeting. Supervisor Morris has requested that Consumers Energy install the lights; however, to date no contract has been received.

6. Treasurer's Report – Clerk Simmons made a motion to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Motion Carried.

7. LGRFA Report – Supervisor Morris summarized the costs of the Authority building and equipment.

8. Correspondence – Clerk Simmons reviewed the letters to the Board.

9. Accounts Payable – Treasurer Schafer made a motion to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$53,781.74 and all other regular bills that occur during the month. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Motion Carried.

10. Winter Tax Collection Date – Treasurer Schafer presented a sample property tax resolution regarding the imposition of a fee on taxes collected after February 14 for the Board's consideration.

11. Convention Report/Discussion – Clerk Simmons reported that the Election Consolidation package was signed into law in January. This package of legislation will greatly impact the requirements on township clerks, specifically, the township clerk will now also be required to run school and village elections.

Treasurer Schafer reported that she attended a session regarding checks and balances and that she was happy to report that she and Clerk Simmons have been exceeding the recommended requirements.

12. Warning Siren - Trustee Hazen reported that the tornado siren is now up and will hopefully be operational by spring.

13. Capital Crossings - Tri-County will be installing two new streetlights at the Capital Crossing entrances on Grange and McCrumb Roads.

Trustee Hazen reported that Capital Crossings made a contribution to the door prizes for the feature county chapter booth at the MTA Convention.

14. Special Use Permit, Mergenhagen – Mr. Jeremiah Mergenhagen addressed the Board regarding his request to place a doublewide trailer on his property so that his mother may reside close to him during the course of her illness.

Several residents, including Mrs. Mary Jane Russell, Mrs. Sharon Schmidt and Mr. Jeff Guigue voiced their concerns regarding the installation of a mobile home into the community, and the effect such action would have on property values.

Mr. Mergenhagen reported that he is required to obtain a performance bond stipulating that the trailer must be removed from the property at the time his mother is no longer residing in the residence, or the county will cash in the bond and remove the trailer.

Supervisor Morris made a motion to support the granting of the special use permit, with the understanding that it would be landscaped, and not be a detriment to the community. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

15. Officer's Salary – Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the resolution for salaries to commence on April 1, 2004. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Aye: Schafer, Hazen, Simmons, Morris, Nays: None, Absent: Colby. Resolution carried.

16. Budget Preparation Meeting Date – The Board set a March 11, 2004 budget preparation meeting date. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m.

17. March Meeting Date – The Board meeting scheduled to be held on March 8, 2004 will convene at 8:30 p.m.

18. Adjournment – Supervisor Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk