

Regular Meeting  
Eagle Township Board  
February 8, 2011

**1. Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:32 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: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl, Mr. Jerry McNeilly, Mr. Tom Johnson and Ms. Kay McNeal.

**2. Agenda Approval** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**3. Citizen's Comment** – None.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – Treasurer Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011 as presented. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

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

**6. LGRFA Report** – Trustee Therrian reported that Steve Lehman, Clinton County Emergency Coordinator, made a presentation to the LGRFA Board. The County Department would like to donate hazmat mitigation equipment at no charge, with no strings attached, to the LGRFA. They will be responsible for maintenance of the equipment. A letter of understanding will be drafted regarding the transfer of the equipment. He also reported that LGRFA Board members have received their committee assignments for 2011.

**7. Commissioner's Report** – Commissioner Pohl reported on the new committee assignments for the County. The budget year end came to a good end, with expenses a little less than budgeted and revenue a little more than expected. There were three or four retirements within the County at the end of last year, due to restructuring the duties will be reassigned without some of those positions being filled. He reported that the coal residue from the Board of Water and Light is going into the DeWitt site, and the County will gain substantially from that program. Bingham Township defaulted on their bond payment in December, which the County paid on their behalf. As of the end of January they have repaid the County those funds. The County is not at risk and could levy a millage within Bingham Township if necessary to ensure they are made whole. The County is covering about 1.5 million of their obligations, and that represents about 1/3 of their total obligations. The State is managing the rest of their obligations. They will be putting a proposal on the May ballot for 2 mills (the millage failed in November by a narrow margin). The Register of Deeds is retiring in July and the Commissioners are reviewing the possibility consolidating the position into the Clerk's office. The telephone surcharge that will appear on the May ballot for the 911 redundancy system is for both towers in the south part of the County.

**8. Meetings Update Report** – Supervisor Schafer reported that the MTA Annual Conference was very enjoyable. She started the event with the Auditor's Institute, and found that there are some changes that we need to make. She reported that there was a lot of information presented at the conference concerning regulation of medical marijuana.

**9. Correspondence** – Clerk Simmons and Supervisor Schafer reported on correspondence received during the month. (March 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> are the dates for Board of Review.)

**10. Accounts Payable** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to pay the bills as amended in the amount of \$51,294.41 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**11. Whispering Winds Road Projects** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to set a public hearing date of March 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Township Hall. The purpose of the hearing will be to determine the necessity of establishing a special assessment district for the resurfacing of roads within the Whispering Winds Subdivision. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Aye: Colby, Smith, Therrian, Simmons, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

**12. Niles Cemetery Improvements** – Trustee Colby made a motion to proceed with phase one of the headstone straightening and repairs for Niles Cemetery in the amount of \$500 as proposed by Mark Schaefer. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**13. Niles Cemetery Lawn Care** – Clerk Simmons made a motion to delay the award of the contract for Niles Cemetery Lawn care for the 2011 season until March 8 and establish a mailing to anyone who has bid on the business in the past, or expresses interest in the business, with the intent of garnering additional bids (new postmark date of March 4). Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Therrian, Colby, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

**14. Fire Run Issues** – Trustee Colby made a motion to allow the fire run charge for Mr. Larry Henn to stand. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

Clerk Simmons made a motion that in the event of medical runs or accident extrication where the individual becomes deceased those charges will be waived. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Schafer made a motion to reimburse Pat Hazen for the \$250.00 that she has paid towards her fire run fee (with a subsequent \$500.00 paid from her insurance). Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**15. Board of Review Appointments** – Supervisor Schafer asked the Board to appoint Dick Jones, Don Volk and Jon Strong to the Eagle Township Board of Review for the two year term commencing January 1, 2011. She additionally asked the Board to appoint John Rademacher as an alternate.

Clerk Simmons made a motion to appoint the members per Supervisor Schafer's recommendation. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**16. Over Limit Trucking** – Clerk Simmons made a motion that all trucking that is done over the load limit set by the Clinton County Road Commission be required to be bonded at the levels set by the Road Commission standards. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**17. Adjournment** – Trustee Therrian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

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Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk