

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
May 12, 2009

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 6:31 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, Trustees Steve Colby and Mark Therrian. Also present were: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl, Mr. John Carznecki of the Clinton County Economic Alliance, Deputy Sherriff Mark Vermillion, Mr. Dan Leonard of Clinton County Planning and Zoning, Mr. Robin Curry, Mr. Jerry McNeilly, and Mr. Paul Carrado of Speedway Super America.

2. Agenda Approval – Clerk Simmons made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment – Mr. Curry expressed his concerns about the proposed wind turbine projects within Clinton County (including but not limited to set-backs and sound issues), he stated that he is not against wind turbines but that he is looking for great regulation of the projects.

Mr. Czarnecki presented the Board with the Alliance’s accomplishments for 2008 and goals for 2009.

4. Commissioner’s Report – Mr. Pohl reported that the incinerator project for the airport has been formally approved. The County Extension now has a new manager, Marilyn Thelen. The taxable value in the county increased 1.8% and the assessed value decreased 3%. He reported that the County Clerk will soon be able to perform marriages. 911 Central Dispatch is bringing back before the board a proposed ordinance that would define to the building industry that a building must be permeable to the emergency services communication or that the system must be built into the building. He also reported that the Board of Commissioners is holding meetings and researching the wind turbine issue and hopes to have something on the books by the end of the year. He also commented on the upcoming Transportation millage issue. Jail revenue is down from last year (\$1.355 million), running pretty close to the amounts from two years ago.

5. Wind Energy in Clinton County – Mr. Leonard has been working on a draft wind energy ordinance. For the most part the County is looking to glean from several existing ordinances. He commented on the issues that will be addressed including: sound, shadow flicker and animal migratory patterns. He has been using the Mid West as his study area.

6. Additional Public Comment – Mr. Carrado reviewed the proposed final commercial site plan review for Speedway Super America for members the Board.

7. Minutes – Trustee Therrian made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2009 as presented. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Clerk Simmons made a motion to receive the Treasurer’s reports and place them on file. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion carried.

9. Website Report – Supervisor Schafer reported that the contract for the website maintenance/support has not been signed as there are still some outstanding questions.

10. Meetings Update Report – Clerk Simmons reported that she and Treasurer Smith attended a FEMA meeting regarding new mapping and floodplain insurance.

Treasurer Smith reported that he attended the BS&A training, which he felt was good.

Supervisor Schafer reported that she had attended the County Chapter meeting, that Mr. Czarnecki was there and reported that the unemployment rate in Clinton County is relatively low. She also reported on her attendance at the Lansing Economic Development meeting.

11. LGRFA Report – Trustee Therrian reported that at the meeting there was much discussion regarding the purchase of the new truck and the bid process. He reported that there was a budget preparation meeting, another will be held on May 20th. The projected budget increase is anticipated to be \$3,000 (from \$509,000 to \$512,000). Also, there was discussion of a capital outlay budget and purchase of a utility truck for the department.

Clerk Simmons reported that the Department will be writing a request for FEMA grant for new and replacement air packs. Also, she wanted to publically thank Trustee Therrian for sharing information he gleaned in a committee meeting, even though he received negative feedback regarding the sharing of this information.

12. Correspondence – Clerk Simmons and Supervisor Schafer reviewed the correspondence to the Board.

13. Accounts Payable – Clerk Simmons made a motion to pay the bills as listed from in the amount of \$17,261.19 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

14. 2008/2009 Budget Adjustments – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept and adopt the budget amendments as presented, in addition to any other budget adjustments required for the end of the fiscal year. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

15. Speedway Super America Final Commercial Site Plan – Trustee Therrian made a motion to recommend the acceptance of the plan as presented, noting comments regarding drain issues and a maintenance plan for the site. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

16. Niles Cemetery – Supervisor Schafer and Trustee Colby reported on a meeting they had at the cemetery in which they discussed clean up including removal and replacement of the front fence, removing of some trees and limbs as well as overgrown vines.

Trustee Colby made a motion to reappoint Sara Clark Pierson (term to expire July 31, 2011), Mardell Howe (term to expire July 31, 2010), and to appoint Rose Elston (term to expire July 31, 2012) to the Niles Cemetery Board. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

17. Airport Authority Board – Supervisor Schafer reported the Eagle Township has two seats on the Abrams Airport Authority Board. Mr. Wendell Wilkins is the current appointee. The Board must appoint someone to take David Morris' place on the board. Members who have potential candidates should provide their name to Supervisor Schafer no later than May 22.

18. Feldpausch Township Hall Rental Reimbursement – Clerk Simmons made a motion that \$40.00 of the \$60.00 received be refunded to Jeff & Karen Feldpausch in accordance with standing Board policy. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

19. Township Hall Rental Rates/Deposits – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adopt the revised rules for Township Hall rent, effective May 15, 2009. And to send a letter to all individuals/groups who have already booked the hall for future dates stating that their previous rental rate will be honored, but that they will be required to complete and comply with the check list or they will be charged \$50.00, and that their use of the hall will be suspended until the \$50.00 payment is made. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

20. Township Hall Rental Check List – Treasurer Smith made a motion to adopt the check list dated 5-12-09 for use beginning 5-15-09. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

21. Stortz Fire Run Charge – Trustee Therrian made a motion to waive the fire run charge for Stephanie Stortz. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

22. Adjournment – Treasurer Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion carried.

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Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk