

Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
June 9, 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: LGRFA Chief Steve Fabiano, Dawn Benson of Clinton Transit, Diane Mosier of Friends of Clinton Transit, and residents Robin Currie and Jerry McNeilly.

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

3. Public Comment – The Board viewed a promotional video for the Clinton Transit ‘Blue Bus’ (191 trips in and out of Eagle Township have been provided since January 2001). In addition, the Board received additional information regarding the service and the millage renewal election in August.

Mr. Currie asked if the Board knew that on June 29th there would be a hearing at the Township Hall regarding the Smalley Drain. He further commented that he would be providing the Board with information regarding the wind turbine issue.

4. Approval of Minutes – Trustee Therrian made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the reports and place them on file. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

6. LGRFA Report – Chief Fabiano reported that there hasn’t been much activity – the run volume for May was down from last year. There will be no LGRFA Board meeting for this month. The State has mandated that all reports now be submitted electronically, the software that the Department currently uses is capable of performing this task, but it is a lot of extra work for the staff.

Trustee Therrian reported that the Personnel Committee is going to review the Board Policy and the FOIA policy. The LGRFA Board approved going to bid for the new truck. Chief Fabiano reported that in approximately two months the bid process will be complete. Trustee Therrian reported that the Department will be attempting to procure a \$5000 (50/50 match) grant from the DNR for helmets. Trustee Therrian reported that he was disappointed that the bid process was approved to go through without the approval of Eagle Township. He also reported that the budget went to the LGRFA Board for recommendation to the Townships (increase of less than \$3,000 over 2009).

7. Web Site Report – Trustee Therrian reported that he is still waiting for IT Right to update parts of the website.

8. Meetings Update Report – Trustee Colby reported that he and Supervisor Schafer met with representatives of the Drain Commission and Speedway Super America regarding the water problems across Grand River. He explained that the proposal was to install a gutter in an attempt to hold back some of the water.

Treasurer Smith attended a Treasurer's meeting to obtain information on summer tax collection. At the meeting a representative from BSA demonstrated a web based software program that the County will be utilizing.

Supervisor Schafer reported that the Ira Howe drain is in need of repair, and that a meeting will be held for those in the district later this month.

She also met with Richard Watkins, of Delta Township, to express some of her concerns regarding Eagle Township ambulance services. She also reported that LGRFA Chair John Clark also had a meeting with Mr. Watkins and that the Delta Fire Chief and Chief Fabiano have been authorized to discuss potential options.

She further reported that the ambulance charge for Stephanie Storz has been waived. In the future, PIs will only be charged \$125.00 as per our agreement with GLAESA.

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

10. Accounts Payable – Trustee Therrian made a motion to pay the bills as listed from in the amount of \$44,193.99 and all regular bills that occur during the month. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion carried.

11. LGRFA Truck Purchase – No action was taken on this item as the LGRFA Board has already gone to bid.

12. Township Board Policy Revision/Update – Trustee Therrian made a motion to accept the Board Policy dated June 9, 2009 as revised. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Colby, Therrian, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. Niles Cemetery – Supervisor Schafer reported on the needed improvements at the cemetery. The signs have been replaced, the front fence removed, and there is a proposal to remove three branches from one tree in the amount of \$300.00.

Clerk Simmons made a motion to approve the bid from Ayles Tree Service for the removal of 3 limbs on the bitternut hickory tree (\$300.00), as well as to remove the additional branches as determined necessary by Supervisor Schafer in an additional amount not to exceed \$300.00. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Schafer reported that there is a resident willing to donate time to help clean up the cemetery. Also another resident is in the processes of designing (donating her time as well) a new front entrance and fencing for the cemetery.

14. Abrams Airport Authority Board – The vacancy was left open, Supervisor Schafer will request that the correspondence from the Authority Board be sent to her for her perusal.

15. Clinton Transit Millage Renewal – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the Clinton Transit Millage renewal proposal. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Smith, Therrian, Colby, Simmons, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

16. Whispering Winds Subdivison – Supervisor Schafer reported to the Board the history of the special assessment for the Whispering Winds Subdivision street light account. The fund will be depleted half way through 2009. The Board discussed a plan of action for the fund.

The Board also noted that the Clinton County Road Commission has informed the Board that the streets within the subdivision are in dire need of repair.

Trustee Therrian made a motion to revise the current special assessment district for Whispering Wind Street Lights. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Aye: Smith, Simmons, Therrian, Colby, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Schafer made a motion to empower Clerk Simmons to work with Bill Fahey to get the revised district in process. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

17. NATaT Conference – Trustee Therrian made a motion to allow Supervisor Schafer and Clerk Simmons to attend the NATaT at the Township's expenses. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

18. Principles of Governance Resolution – Trustee Therrian made a motion to adopt the Principles of Governance Resolution for the Eagle Township Board. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Colby, Smith, Therrian, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

19. Eagle Village Tax Collection Agreement – Clerk Simmons made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Village of Eagle for the 2009 tax collection season. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Therrian, Colby, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

20. Township Hall Parking Lot – Clerk Simmons and Supervisor Schafer will research enforcement issues, etc.

21. Miller Sand & Gravel, LLC Rezone – Clerk Simmons made a motion to request that the P&Z Board move the issue to their August meeting to allow the Eagle Board to hear from residents and obtain all pertinent information regarding the request. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

22. Adjournment – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion carried.

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Approved

Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk