Regular Meeting
Eagle Township Board
September 14, 2010

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, Deputy Sheriff Mark Vermillion, Jason Orton of the David Chapman Agency, Dennis Strahle and Greg Hickcock.

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

3. Public Comment – Mr. Dennis Strahle commented that the work to resurface Clark Road was done very poorly. He noted that he was home when the work was done and that the workers absolutely did not fill the cracks prior to applying the chip seal. Supervisor Schafer echoed his commented and further updated the Board about the poor quality of the work.

Mr. Greg Hickcock owns a business in Eagle Township and lives in Watertown. His mother in law lives with them and has Parkinson's disease. She was in an accident at corner of Wright and M-100, and he is questioning her bill from LGRFA. The accident wasn't her fault and he is asking the Board to waive the fee.

Jason Orton provided a presentation for the renewal of the Township's insurance policies to the Board.

4. Sherriff's Report – Deputy Mark Vermillion ensured that the Board is still receiving the monthly reports. Supervisor Schafer offered an update on the Scott Hazen burning situation and thanked Deputy Vermillion for his time and assistance. Deputy Vermillion commented that the Board may want to pursue civil actions against him. The Board and Deputy Vermillion discussed the problems surrounding this issue.

5. County Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Pohl reported that a budget meeting is scheduled for October 12. The revenue for the Clinton is down in revenue around $1M. He stated that in spite of the loss in revenue the County will put forth a balanced budget. Papers formalizing the 911 backup system for Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston and Shiawassee have been signed. Clinton County has obtained a non-voting seat on the Airport Authority Board, at no charge. Discussion proceeds on the Rails-to-Trails program. Commissioner Pohl reported that he received a phone call from the new owner of Capital Crossings regarding renegotiating the agreement; however, the new owner will not put his requests in writing.

6. Approval of Minutes – Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the minutes of August 10, 2010 and September 1, 2010 as presented. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried

7. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Smith presented the Board with the completed audit. Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the report dated August 31, 2010 and place it on file. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Motion Carried.

8. LGRFA Report – Trustee Therrian reported that the Board did not meet last month and that meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been moved to Thursday. He also reported that fire department staff was in service for events at the Eagle Fair Days.

9. Town Hall Rent Report – Treasurer Smith made a motion to with hold the deposit of rent for Pauline Wireman based on the condition the hall was left in after use. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Motion Carried.

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

11. Accounts Payable – Clerk Simmons made a motion to pay the bills as listed in the amount of $29,608.05 and all regular bills, including the payment to LGRFA for the fire truck, that occur during the month. Trustee Therrian supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Smith, Colby, Therrian, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

12. Capital Crossings – Supervisor Schafer reported that the trailer coach taxes for August have been paid. This is the first payment received for those taxes in two years.

13. Township Insurance Policies – Clerk Simmons made motion to continue the insurance policies with the David Chapman Agency. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Motion Carried.

14. Whispering Winds Street Light Assessment – Clerk Simmons reported that the assessment can be raised by 10% per year without another public hearing. This information is pertinent as the fund will be unable to cover expenses for the lights after February of 2011.

Clerk Simmons made a motion to raise the Whispering Winds Street Light Assessment by 10% (to $88.00 per parcel) for the winter tax of 2010. Treasurer Smith supported the motion. Aye: Colby, Therrian, Simmons, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

15. Delinquent Fire Charges & New Burning Permits – Clerk Simmons made a motion that all individuals who have two or more outstanding fire run charges are prohibited from receiving burning permits, while the Board further investigates the need for a standing policy to cover these situations. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Aye: Simmons, Colby, Therrian, Smith, Schafer. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

16. Olson Fire Run Charge – Clerk Simmons made a motion to table the request until the October Board meeting. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

17. Other Business – Supervisor Schafer has contact the National Guard regarding the status of lighting at the post as well as the condition of Eaton Highway, and the possibility of contributing to the cost of resurfacing the road.

Supervisor Schafer made a motion to allow any Board member wishing to do so to attend the Fall District meeting at the Township's expense. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Motion Carried.

18. Adjournment – Clerk Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Supervisor Schafer supported the motion. Motion Carried.

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Wendy K. Simmons, Clerk