

Minutes
Eagle Township Board Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2024
Eagle Twp. Hall - 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI 48822

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stroud at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present:** Supervisor Troy Stroud, Clerk Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer Chelsea Hoppes, Trustee Michelle Hoppes, Trustee Dennis Strahle.
3. **Others Present:** Christopher Khorey, McKenna Associates
4. **Citizens Present:** Linn Romanik, Janine Dyer, Cori Feldpausch, Brittanie Davis, Owen Hufnagel, Justin Kebler, Casey Godlewski, Alan Hoppes, Dan Feldpausch, Darrin Gray, Gerald McNeilly
5. **Citizens Comments:** No comments.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.
7. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
8. **LGRFA Report:** Trustee Strahle reported that the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) finance group is working on the 2025 budget. The new ambulance is in service and has had a couple of electrical issues.
9. **Planning Commission Report:** Trustee M. Hoppes reported that there was a public hearing on the Master Plan on July 30 and all citizen comments were discussed. There will be a final public hearing on the Master Plan on August 27, 2024. Following this the Master Plan will be referred to the Township Board for adoption. There will be a joint meeting of the Eagle Township Planning Commission and Eagle Township Board on August 27 to review the revised utility scale ordinance and Eagle Township potential concerns on annexation. The Planning Commission also recommended the Board extend the zoning moratorium.
10. **Strategic Planning Group Report:** Trustee M. Hoppes reported that the Strategic Planning Group met this week. Members Cori Feldpausch and Janine Dyer attended separate sessions of the Michigan Township Association (MTA) Strategic Planning Vision conference that was held on July 31 and August 1 in Gladwin, Michigan. The Strategic Plan is complete with some minor edits to be made based on information received at the conference. The Strategic Planning group is willing to be a communications advisory group on the township newsletter being planned for the winter tax mailing. They have also recommended the Eagle Township Board create connections to both the Eagle Village council and the Eagle Park Fair and Park boards to share visions and identify synergies between the groups.
11. **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Stroud to approve paying the bills as presented as well as all other regular monthly bills. Motion carried.

12. Interim Zoning Ordinance (IZO) Addendum Ordinance 04-2024:

Citizen Comment: An email was received regarding the rules around Type 1 and Type 2 Home Based Businesses in the interim zoning ordinance.

Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to adopt Resolution 08-15-2024-02 A Resolution Adopting Ordinance 04-2024 Amending the Interim Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as presented. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Strahle, Trustee M. Hoppes, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud. No Votes: None. Resolution adopted.

13. Town Hall Basement Quotes, Septic Clean, and Door Update: Trustee Strahle is working on a 3rd quote for the basement.

Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to engage C&K Plumbing to locate the village storm water pipe outside the building for a cost not to exceed \$500 so it can be plugged outside before water gets into the basement. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to engage G A Hunt to pump the septic tank at a cost not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to engage Gary's Heating to install a vent between the vestibule and the main room to reduce pressure that stops the doors from latching at a cost not to exceed \$150. Motion carried.

14. ARPA Funds: Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to send a formal letter from Eagle Township to the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) offering American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$274,281.56 for the purchase of Fire Equipment with a request for the LGRFA to accept the funds and to commit and spend the funds as required. Motion carried.

15. .gov website/emails: Shumaker Technology Group (STG) has updated the Eagle Township website to URL <http://www.eagletownshipmi.gov>. The old URL <http://www.eagletownship.org> will mirror the new .gov website. Emails will be switched to the @eagletownshipmi.gov domain on August 16, 2024.

16. Extend Moratorium on Solar/Wind/BESS Resolution 08-15-2024-01: Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Supervisor Stroud to adopt resolution 08-15-2024-01 Resolution Extending the Moratorium on the Issuance of Certain Zoning Approvals to Allow the Eagle Township Planning Commission Time to Develop Permanent Zoning Standards as amended. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee M. Hoppes, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Supervisor Stroud. No Votes: None. Resolution adopted.

17. Planning Commission Appointments: Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to extend Planning Commission members Eric Sutherland and John Iszler appointments through September 19, 2024. Motion carried.

18. **Joint Planning Commission Meeting scheduled August 27, 2024:** Reminder this joint meeting will be held at 8 pm on August 27, 2024, following the Planning Commission meeting for the Master Plan Public Hearing.
19. **Bike Race Road Closures review:** Discussion with the Eagle Park and Eagle Fair board members regarding some citizens questions on the road closed signs during the 2024 bike races. The Eagle Township Supervisor has requested better communication from the race organizers next year and that the information for next year's bike race be brought to the Eagle Township Board before getting permits. The race schedule is issued in December.
20. **Draft Audit Report for 2023-2024:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to have the Board approve the Supervisor and Clerk sign the Audit Representation Letter to Siegfried Crandell for the 2023-2024 audit. Motion carried.
21. **Capital Asset threshold:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to increase the Eagle Township asset capitalization threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000 starting April 1, 2024. Motion carried.
22. **Hall Maintenance opening:** Barb Dunn has resigned effective either when the Board hires a replacement or the end of the year (2024) whichever occurs first. Barb Dunn is working on documenting her duties so this position can be posted.
23. **EMS Funding / Special Assessment:** Discussion regarding the need to supplement the Emergency Services fund until 2024 tax funds are collected and disbursed in December 2024 as well as discussion regarding options for increasing the Emergency Services Fund special assessment.

Citizen Comment: Discussions on the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) contract with Delta Township for personnel and services. Questions on historical Emergency Services switch to joint agreement with Watertown Charter Township to form the LGRFA. What is the impact on a household by increasing the special assessment millage and when was this last raised?

Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to have Foster Swift draft a resolution to gift \$90,000 from the General Fund to the Emergency Services Fund. Roll Call Yes Votes: Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Trustee M. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to work with Foster Swift on the steps required to increase the Emergency Services special assessment millage to 4 mills for tax year 2024. Roll Call Yes Votes: Treasurer C. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Trustee M. Hoppes, Supervisor Stroud, Clerk Briggs-Dudley. No Votes: None. Motion carried.

24. **Winter Tax Agreements:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Trustee Strahle to approve the Supervisor and Treasurer sign intergovernmental agreements with the taxing entities for the collection of winter property taxes. Motion carried.
25. **Newsletter to be included in winter tax mailing:** Discussion regarding possible articles to be included in the Eagle Township newsletter which will be mailed with the winter tax bills. Treasurer C.

Hoppes will coordinate the articles. The newsletter will be reviewed at the October 17, 2024, meeting.

26. **Clinton County Township Officers Association September 17 meeting:** Treasurer C. Hoppes and Clerk Briggs-Dudley volunteered to attend the meeting as Trustee Strahle is not available to attend.
27. **Hall Security Assessment:** Motion by Supervisor Stroud supported by Trustee M. Hoppes to approve up to \$2,500 to update the Township Hall building with recommended security improvements per Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) review. Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee M. Hoppes, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer C. Hoppes, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Stroud. No Votes: None. Motion carried.
28. **LGRFA Board Orientation – Develop Agenda:** Discussion on content for meeting agenda and available dates for a meeting with the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) board to provide orientation on the LGRFA to the Eagle Township Board. Trustee M. Hoppes is coordinating the agenda and meeting.
29. **Grant Opportunities:** Trustee M. Hoppes reviewed several potential grant opportunities identified by Clinton County Catalyst.
30. **Presentation:** Motion by Trustee Strahle supported by Supervisor Stroud to present the 2024 Eagle Township Citizen of the Year award to Cori Feldpausch. Motion carried.
31. **Michigan Supreme Court – Employee Sick Leave:** Attorneys at Foster Swift are monitoring this ruling.
32. **ITC Holdings / MPSC prehearing conference August 29:** Trustee Strahle’s property is on the proposed alternate route for ITC’s 345 KV electric transmission line from Gratiot County to Oneida Township in Eaton County. Trustee Strahle has registered to attend the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) virtual hearing on August 29.
33. **NutriGro Environmental Solutions – Application of biosolids:** Trustee Strahle provided an overview of this process.
34. **Adjournment:** Motion by Clerk Briggs-Dudley supported by Treasurer C. Hoppes to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. Motion carried.

Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Clerk