

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8143 W Madison Rd, Elwell, MI
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August 9, 2023 at 7 pm

Supervisor Tish Mallory called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Members Present: Supervisor Tish Mallory, Treasurer Ashlee Gibson-Smith, Clerk Jennifer Balcom, Trustee Douglas Brecht, and Trustee Michale Miller

Support Staff: Zoning Administrator Linda Kresnak
 Seville Township Public Library Director, Justine Peterson

Motion by M Miller second by A Gibson-Smith to approve the agenda. **MOTION APPROVED.**

John Siggerud, owner of Emerald Fire, made a presentation regarding a potential cannabis dispensary on the corner of Lumberjack Rd and State Route 46. Mr. Siggerud requested that the Township Board vote to amend the current Township Ordinance to allow for a provisionary.

Public Comments: 7:16 -7:26 pm

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 Board Meeting. **BOARD MINUTES APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report:	General Fund	\$677,666.92
	Trust and Agency	\$1849.20
	Tax Account	\$78,664.00
	Fire/Rescue Millage	\$158,120.38

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht to accept the Treasurers Report of July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023. **TREASURER REPORT APPROVED.**

Motion by A Gibson, second by M Miller to approve the General Ledger Accounts Payable for the period 7/13/23 thru 8/8/2023 totaling \$74,525.85. **PAYABLES APPROVED.**

T Mallory reported that the survey of the Apple Farms property was completed at the end of July.

T Mallory discussed the unapproved burial at Riverdale Cemetery. The Township attorney has been contacted to discuss next steps.

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht to table Cemetery Ordinance revision until lawyer review. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Library Director, Justine Peterson, provided the Township with an updated Library Painting Bid quote which included the gable. Library painting is scheduled for September 5-15.

T Mallory lead the Board in a discussion regarding the Township Rules of Procedure and it was decided to table the review until a further date.

T Mallory reported that a street light at the intersection of M-46 & Warner has been replaced. The Township asked MDOT for rumble strips or flashing stop signs similar to the intersection at Warner and Blanchard.

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht to go into closed session to discuss an attorney opinion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by T Mallory, second by M Miller to end the closed session and reconvene meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

T Mallory discussed site plans by Doug Dice and the ponds for excess water that Road Commission recommended. Site plans to be reviewed by Board at September meeting.

Kory Dancer, owner of JK Growers, reported to the Township that JK Growers has partnered with Fire Island in Alma. Kory Dancer indicated that the partnership may require additional paperwork and an updated license with the State of Michigan. Zach Everitt, one of four owners of Fire Island was also in attendance.

Clerk J Balcom reported on the inspection of the election equipment.

T Mallory reported the Master Plan kick off meeting will be held on September 13, 2023. Gratiot County is working to create one Master Plan, which includes all the Townships, in order to share expenses.

Motion by T Mallory, seconded by M Miller to approve the resolution #2023 To Begin Master Plan Efforts as part of the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Efforts. **ROLL CALL VOTE 5 YEAS AND 1 NAYS. RESOLUTION APPROVED.**

Motion by T Mallory, second by M Miller to draft an ordinance to address grass, noxious weeds and vegetation. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht for the Township to spend up to \$2500 on cemetery tree removal. Bids will be arranged by Sept meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by J Balcom, second by M Miller to approve the expense of the updated FOIA policy for \$400 through the Township Attorney. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by A Gibson, second by M Miller to renew the Township CD at highest rate possible and to make Seville Township Clerk and Seville Township Treasurer signing parties on the CD. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Zoning Administrator, L Kresnak, reported on letters sent to residents. The condemned apartment complex has been sold and a list has been completed in violation of the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance.

Upcoming Meeting:

Planning Commission Meeting, September 12, 2023 @ 7 pm

Lumberjack Park Event, Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10-6 pm

Public Comments: 8:38-8:42 pm

Motion by Miller, seconded by J Balcom to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm **MOTION APPROVED.**

Patricia Mallory, Supervisor

Jennifer Balcom, Clerk