

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
8143 W Madison Rd, Elwell, MI
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October 11, 2023 at 7 pm

Supervisor Tish Mallory called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.

Notable Others: Linda Kresnak, Zoning Administrator
Linda Kresnak
Justine Peterson, Seville Township Public Library Director

Motion by M Miller second by D Brecht to approve the agenda. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Public Comments: 7:08-7:12 pm

During public comment Seville Township resident, Robert Leiter, presented J Balcom, Seville Township Clerk, with 18 petitions and 133 signatures for a petition to place a referendum on the ballot regarding a zoning amendment for the prohibition of a marijuana provisionary

Motion by A Gibson-Smith, second by M Miller to approve the minutes of the 9/13/23 Meeting with the addition of Roy McCollum being listed as present. **BOARD MINUTES APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report:	General Fund	\$647,587.36
	Trust and Agency	\$2798.43
	Tax Account	\$154,110.47
	Fire/Rescue Millage	\$157,177.14
	Library	\$303,958.15

Motion by J Balcom, second by M Miller, to accept the Treasurers Report of September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. **TREASURER REPORT APPROVED.**

Treasurer A Gibson-Smith presented the six-month budget. Budget adjustments will be presented at the November 2023 meeting.

Motion by A Gibson-Smith, M Miller to approve the General Ledger Accounts Payable for the period 9/14/23 thru 10/10/2023 totaling \$15,392.44. **PAYABLES APPROVED.**

T Mallory reported there is no additional information on the land purchase. Bids for the new Township Hall will likely be received by the November meeting.

Motion by T Mallory, second by M Miller to move the Regular November Board meeting to 6 pm. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Seville Township sent an official letter to the family notifying them there was an unapproved burial on their family plot at Riverdale Cemetery.

T Mallory stated there was nothing to report on the Cemetery Ordinance as the Cemetery Committee did not meet.

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht to seek a bid for oak trimming at Riverdale Cemetery. **MOTION APPROVED.**

T Mallory reported that the Master Plan SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) has scheduled a planning meeting on December 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Ithaca GIRESD. All Township and Planning Commission officials are encouraged to attend.

A Draft Public Comment Policy will be presented at the November meeting.

T Mallory reported that a draft Grass, Noxious Weeds and Vegetation Ordinance from Foster Swift would be presented at the next meeting.

A Gibson Smith reported that 2024 Planning Commission meetings have been scheduled for Feb, April, September, and October.

T Mallory reported that a Township logo will be necessary for participation in the Gratiot County Master Plan. The Township Board decided to move forward with the Seville Logo currently utilized on the Township website.

Motion by M Miller, second by D Brecht for the purchaser of citation books for Zoning Citations. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Clerk J Balcom reported that a memo was sent to the Seville Township Library regarding the need for a new EIN by December 31, 2023 per the fiscal agency agreement signed earlier this year.

T Mallory met with Gratiot County Prosecutor and MMDHD regarding occupied condemned Riverdale property, correction letters & vandalism at Elwell Park Pavilion. Three bids are back for the pavilion damage have been sent to the Prosecutor and to Burnham and Flowers Insurance Agency for the insurance claim.

Motion by M Miller, second by A Gibson to approve the pavilion repair bid of Josh Shaffer in the amount of \$8200. **MOTION APPROVED.**

T Mallory reported that EGLE Grants were distributed by County. Gratiot County Conservation District submitted grant paperwork. Gratiot County was awarded \$3000. Community Clean Up will be the first Saturday in May.

Motion by M Miller, D Brecht clean-up day on May 4, 2023. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by T Mallory, seconded by M Miller to adopt the Resolution opposing any legislation preempting local control over local land uses. **ROLL CALL VOTE 5 AYES 0 NO. MOTION APPROVED.**

T Mallory reported on online Summit with the Cannabis Regulatory Agency she attended earlier this month. Last year, the State of Michigan paid municipalities \$51,000 per provisionary. A Gibson-Smith reported that the Township takes in 40-42K annually line for marijuana licenses and fee.

T Mallory reported on the solar farm currently being built in Pine River Township. A map of the farm and the adjacent properties has been requested.

T Mallory attended the Gratiot County Township Association Meeting. September 27, 2024. The county receives 6-7% decrease per year in turbine revenue. The airport will be assumed by the County by the end of 2023.

Zoning Administrator, L Kresnak, reported on two letters sent to residents.

Motion to J Balcom, second by T Mallory to amend the agenda to review the zoning amendment application form created by the attorney. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion by M Miller, D Brecht to adopt the zoning amendment application and \$500 fee. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Upcoming Meeting:

Seville Township Meeting November 8, 2023 moved to earlier time of 6 pm

Public Comments: 8:51 pm – 9:02 pm

Motion by J Balcom, seconded M Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm **MOTION APPROVED.**

Patricia Mallory, Supervisor

Jennifer Balcom, Clerk