

# SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

8143 W. Madison Road, P.O. Box 222

Elwell, MI 48832

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## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10/9/2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Seville Township Hall  
8143 W. Madison Road  
Elwell, MI 48832

**MEETING TYPE**     Regular     Special  
**MINUTES TYPE**     Proposed     Approved

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Board Member Attendance:

Patricia (Tish) Mallory	Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ashlee Gibson-Smith	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ann Moomey	Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Doug Brecht	Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michale Miller	Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Other Township Attendees:

Amy Densmore	Deputy Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Linda Kresnak	Zoning Admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jim Mulder	Cemetery Mgr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**IV. Approval of the Agenda.**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve the agenda, as revised.

<b>Motion</b>	Miller		
<b>Support</b>	Gibson-Smith		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

**V. Public Comment.**

- Sharyl Marsh.** Not in Seville Township, but her parents are. Doing a lot of care for them so has a vested interest in the Township. Appreciates the current Board allowing the people to share public comments at the meeting.
- Pam Bragiel, representing Lumberjack Park.** Provided an update on various events happening at the park – including a Trunk or Treat on 10/26/2024. Vendors will also be there and food trucks.
- Sherry Root, Riverdale.** Shared that she had attended a different Township’s monthly meeting and that they provided: the agenda, minutes, and a Treasurer’s Report. Also shared that the board sat in a semi-circle. Mentioned the recent Planning Commission Meeting and asked a clarifying question of the Board regarding its stand on the marijuana ordinance.

*[Board Response. GIBSON-SMITH responded with clarification that the Township currently has existing, State-licensed grows, a processor and a lab.]*

**VI. Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting.**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve the Minutes.

<b>Motion</b>	Miller
<b>Support</b>	Brecht

	VOTE	AYES	NAYS
		5	0

**VII. Approval of Treasurer’s Report September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.**

**Action requested:** Motion to move the Money Market ARPA into the General Fund.

<b>Motion</b>	Brecht		
<b>Support</b>	Miller		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

**Action requested:** Motion to approve the **Treasurer’s Report, as presented.**

General Fund	\$385,480.82
Trust & Agency	\$46.07
Tax	\$3,449.47
Fire Millage	\$93,313.71

<b>Motion</b>	Miller		
<b>Support</b>	Brecht		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

**VIII. Approval of Accounts Payable – General Ledger September 12, 2024, to October 8, 2024.**

**Action requested:** Motion to approve the **Account’s Payable report.**

<b>Motion</b>	Mallory		
<b>Support</b>	Miller		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

**IX. Old Business**

- a. **BS&A Cloud & Audit.** **GIBSON-SMITH** provided an update.
- b. **ZBA Meeting.** **MILLER** shared that the ZBA reviewed and approved a variance for the proposed storage units on M46 since both the County and MDOT had provided their approvals, as required.
- c. **Cemetery Property.** **MULDER** shared that there is a small amount of property available to extend the Riverdale cemetery (east end) – approximately 23 lots.
- d. **Hall Progress Report.** **MALLORY** offered an update on the Township Hall project.
- e. **Free “.gov” domain.** **DENSMORE** confirmed that the Township has been approved for a “.gov” domain. It will be [sevilletownshipMI.gov](http://sevilletownshipMI.gov). **DENSMORE** will continue working to get the current website shifted to the new domain.
- f. **Library Eaves troughing.** **MALLORY** initiated a discussion on the eaves troughing project; no change was made from the decision that was approved last month.
- g. **Library Concrete Removal.** **MALLORY** shared that **MULDER** is working with the library on this.
- h. **Master Plan.** **DENSMORE** to email **MALLORY** the electronic file or submitting to the County.
- i. **MDOT Warner Road Speed Sign.** **MALLORY** shared that there was an MDOT speed sign on Warner Road (near the intersection) for one day; it stopped working so it was removed – it was supposed to be put back up, once fixed.
- j. **Summer Taxes.** **GIBSON-SMITH** reported that the summer tax collection by the Township was complete. Any subsequent payments for this period need to be made at the Gratiot County building.
- k. **Updated Zoning: Wind, Solar and Battery Storage.** **MALLORY** shared that the Planning Commission reviewed the existing ordinances and made some proposed changes including: demolition costs. They also reviewed that plat map for considering identifying specific areas where wind and solar could be considered within the Township. **MALLORY** discussed having the Township’s legal counsel (via zoom) present the information to the Township Board so that

additional questions could be directed to the legal counsel from the Board and clarification on next steps could be identified. **MALLORY** will contact the legal counsel to see what availability they have to meet with the Township board and then schedule a special meeting.

- l. **Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) – Precision Weld and Fab.** **MILLER** shared that the Planning Commission met with the individual and approved of this request.
- m. **Planning Commission.** No additional update – previously reported above.
- n. **Lawn & landscaping/contacted about bid.** **MALLORY** noted that she was initially contacted by someone who was interested in submitting a bid; nothing has been subsequently received.
- o. **Point Broadband quote.** The board discussed this, but no action was taken.
- p. **Schedule of Fees.** The board discussed this – it was last updated in 2022. A copy will be circulated and proposed revisions will be discussed at the next meeting.
- q. **Partial Termination of PA 116/Cameron Moeggenborg.** The property is located at 8539 N. Bliss (1.155 acres).

**Action requested: Motion to approve the partial termination of PA116, as presented.**

<b>Motion</b>	Gibson-Smith		
<b>Support</b>	Brecht		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

X. **Zoning Administrator’s Report.** **KRESNAK** provided an update including that three (3) property owners will be issued citations for lack of progress/unresponsiveness to clean-up requests.

XI. **Planning Commission.** The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for 11/12/2024 at 6:30 p.m.

XII. **Public Comment.**

- **Pam Bragiel.** Asked GIBSON-SMITH if property owners will be able to pay their property taxes online with the new BS&A software. [GIBSON-SMITH responded that it likely a possibility, however, it will not be immediately available as there is still considerable work to be done to get the system up and running.]
- **Justine from the library.** Shared the events happening at the library for the month of October.

XIII. **Final Board comments**

**MILLER.** The topic of a dispensary in the Township was again raised; MILLER stated that the Township Board is not pursuing any changes. He noted that the Township residents voted at the last election (August 2024 Primary) and the result was a majority approved the current language as stated in the Township’s ordinance.

XIV. **Adjournment.**

**Action requested: Motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM**

<b>Motion</b>	Miller		
<b>Support</b>	Brecht		
	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
		5	0

**Minutes Certification:**

**PROPOSED** minutes respectfully submitted:



10/09/2024

**Amy Van Atten-Densmore, Deputy Clerk**

**Date**

APPROVED by the Township Board on 11/07/2024

*Patricia Mallory*  
Patricia Mallory, Supervisor

11/7/24  
Date

*Ann Moomey*  
Ann Moomey, Clerk

11/7/24  
Date

APPROVED