

# SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

7676 W. Lincoln Road, P.O. Box 222

Elwell, MI 48832

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## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 2/11/2026

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Seville Township Hall  
7676 W. Lincoln Road  
Elwell, MI 48832

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

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at **6:32 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
Amy Densmore	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:*

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

**IV. Approval of Agenda. Action requested:** Motion to approve the agenda, as revised.

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

**V. Public Comment.**

- **ROOT, Sherry.** Shared concerns in expenses for upkeep Chapel Gardens.
- **LEITER, Robert.** Shared concerns about Chapel Gardens.

**VI. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting. Action requested:** Motion to approve the minutes, with changes as requested.

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

**VII. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2026 Special Meeting. Action requested:** Motion to approve the minutes. [NOTE: Gibson-Smith did not vote, as she was not present for the meeting.]

<b>Motion</b>	Mallory
<b>Support</b>	Brecht
<b>AYES</b>	4
<b>NAYS</b>	0

**VIII. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2026 CLOSED SESSION. Action requested:** Motion to approve the minutes. [NOTE: Gibson-Smith did not vote, as she was not present for the meeting.]

<b>Motion</b>	Miller
<b>Support</b>	Brecht
<b>AYES</b>	4
<b>NAYS</b>	0

- IX. **Treasurer’s Report- January 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

<b>Motion</b>	Brecht
<b>Support</b>	Densmore
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

**Additional Treasurer Report Information:**

**LIBRARY FUNDS: Action requested:** Motion to close the MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT at Huntington Bank and produce a cashier’s check to the Library.

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

**WINTER TAXES:** Due Date is Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Treasurer will have in-person hours on 02/16/2026.

- X. **Accounts Payable-General Ledger January 15, 2026 to February 11, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Accounts Payable/General Ledger Report, as presented.

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

- XI. **CONTINUED BUSINESS.**

- a. **Closed session. Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION. Action requested:** Motion to adjourn to **CLOSED SESSION** in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss the privileged and confidential legal opinion letter from the Township Board of Trustees’ attorney dated February 4, 2026.

<b>Motion</b>	Miller			
<b>Support</b>	Densmore			
	<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
	<b>MALLORY, Tish</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>GIBSON-SMITH, Ashlee</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>DENSMORE, Amy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>BRECHT, Doug</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>MILLER, Michale</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*\*CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION \*\* [Separate Minutes Taken]**

**Return to Open Session at 7:34 p.m.**

- b. **Bond Claim/Seville Hall Update. Action requested:** Motion to move to instruct the Township’s attorney to communicate a demand to Auto Owners Insurance Company that it pay to Seville Township the amount of \$220,000 in full satisfaction of Auto Owner’s obligations under the bonds that it is issued in connection with the construction of the Township Hall.

<b>Motion</b>	Densmore
<b>Support</b>	Miller
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

- c. **Rental Agreement.** Tabled.
- d. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery update. MALLORY and MILLER** met with Township Attorney (Foster/Swift) regarding the cemetery. **MULDER** provided information on state law applicable to cemeteries.
- e. **Proposed Storage Units. MILLER** shared that the Planning Commission heard from property owner, Mike Klumpp, regarding his interest in doing proposed storage units. There will be a public hearing to alert the residents about the project, and the developer (Klumpp) will obtain a Special Use Permit (cost of which is \$525 – as noted on the Fee Schedule on the Township’s website).

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **EGLE Grant.** \$5k grant available, Township would be required to contribute 20% (\$1,000). Project is to “clean-up the river.” **Action requested:** Motion to review and submit a grant for up to \$5,000 with the understanding that the Township would be responsible for required matching funds.

<b>Motion</b>	MILLER
<b>Support</b>	BRECHT
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

- b. **2025-2026 Budget Line Adjustments.** Board received a report showing YTD expenditures in preparation for Budget Work Session on 02/18/2026.
- c. **MI Neighborhood MSHDA Grant.** Concerns were raised about what the obligations would look like and how it would be managed. No motion raised.
- d. **Food Truck Ordinance.** Discussion noted that the Township Board had identified some questions/concerns at its meeting last November following the Planning Commission meeting where this was discussed. It needs to be on the Planning Commission’s April Agenda for further review/revision.
- e. **Planning Commission Report from 02/10/2026 meeting.** **MILLER** provided an oral report on activities from the 02/10/2026 meeting.
- f. **Greater Gratiot Development Map. Action requested:** Motion to not support an updated map for the benefit of Greater Gratiot Development at the Township expense.

<b>Motion</b>	GIBSON-SMITH
<b>Support</b>	DENSMORE
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

- g. **NextCycle Accelerator Program.** **BRECHT** and **MALLORY** mentioned the County is continuing to work on this. There was a recent article about it.

- h. **Road Commission Meeting. MALLORY** attended a recent meeting and provided an update on costs for projects in 2026-2027: the cost of 2 applications of chloride would run **\$35,325.10**. Gravel (from Fish Creek) was priced at **\$10,342.50 per mile**. The Lumberjack bridge work is expected to start in March/April and they have an end date of 10/30/2026. bridge work: Lumberjack bridge (2026) hoping to start March/April timeframe. Chip/Sale: **\$34k per mile** (with a 50/50 split between the County and the Township); The recommendation for consideration will include: Wildwood, Oakwood and Whitewood. Total cost **\$18,360 (\$9,180)**. Items will be reviewed further at next week's Budget Session and will be proposed in the 2026-2027 Township Budget for review/approval in March.
- i. **Alma District Fire Department Budget, New Firetruck, Building. MALLORY** provided an update from the Fire Board meeting noting that there will be a removal of the capital contribution for rescue for the 2026-2027 and that the Board will revisit the need next year to determine if it should be put back in the budget.
- j. **Board of Review Training. GIBSON-SMITH** asked when the Board of Review dates are and indicated that she is getting significant phone calls from residents that are voicing complaints about their taxes. **Action requested:** Motion was made that in the event anyone on Board of Review was required to obtain certification training that funds be allocated for that purpose.

<b>Motion</b>	BRECHT
<b>Support</b>	MILLER
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

- XI. **Zoning Administration report. KRESNAK** provided her monthly report.
- XII. **Cemetery Committee. MALLORY** noted that they discussed new signs. Awaiting more information on Chapel Gardens.
- XIII. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**
- **NEXT Seville Township Budget Work Session: February 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**
  - **NEXT Seville Township Board Meeting: March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **NEXT Planning Commission meeting: April 07, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

- XI. **Public Comment.**
1. **LEITER, Bob:** Asked about the timing of the sale for items at the old Township Hall.
  2. **ROOT, Sherry:** Asked MILLER questions about EGLE and had general questions about Road Commission signs.
- XII. **Final Board Comments. MALLORY** noted her frustration at recent misinformation that was provided via social media postings from residents about the Chapel Gardens situation.
- XIII. **Motion to Adjourn. Action requested:** Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

<b>Motion</b>	GIBSON-SMITH
<b>Support</b>	MILLER
<b>AYES</b>	5
<b>NAYS</b>	0

**Minutes Certification:**

**PROPOSED** minutes respectfully submitted:

*Amy Van Atten-Densmore*  
Amy Densmore, Clerk

02/11/2026  
Date

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**APPROVED** by the Township Board on 03/11/2026

*Amy Van Atten-Densmore*  
Amy Densmore, Clerk

03/11/2026  
Date

APPROVED