

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

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

Elwell, MI 48832

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/11/2026

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 **6:30 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
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.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Gibson-Smith
AYES	5
NAYS	0

V. 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 March 6, 2026.

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

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

Return to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

VI. Public Comment.

- None.

VII. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting. Action requested: Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion	Miller
Support	Gibson-Smith
AYES	5
NAYS	0

VIII. **Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2028 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Action requested:** Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

IX. **Treasurer’s Report- February 1, 2026, to February 28, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

Motion	Miller
Support	Mallory
AYES	5
NAYS	0

Additional Treasurer Report Information:

CD Renewal. Action requested: Motion to approve the Treasurer to obtain a 6-month renewal at Huntington Bank for 2.85%.

Motion	Miller
Support	Densmore
AYES	5
NAYS	0

X. **Accounts Payable-General Ledger February 12, 2026 to March 11, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Accounts Payable/General Ledger Report, as presented.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

XI. **CONTINUED BUSINESS.**

a. **Surety Bond Claim Update. Action requested:** Motion to authorize the township attorneys, Bloom Sluggett, PC, to draft and file a lawsuit against Auto-Owners Insurance Company and RJ Lott Contracting, LLC for breach of the surety bond and breach of the town hall construction contract.

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

b. **Septic System Corrective Measures.** Contractors presented the issues identified that are required to fix the Township Hall septic system and obtain a green tag from the Health Department. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the estimate and authorized

Wichert Trucking & Excavating, LLC to take appropriate actions to fix the Township Hall septic system and obtain a green tag approval from the Health Department. [Timeline: Contractor will coordinate with Adam from Health Department – anticipate the work to be completed in May.]

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

- c. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery update.** **MALLORY** provided an update. Title work clean-up is in process by the conservator. **MALLORY** has asked attorney for an update given the 60-day Conservator extension is pending.
- d. **Planning Commission Update: Storage Units:** **MILLER** provided an update on the public hearing and special meeting held by the Planning Commission. No opposition was made to the proposed storage unit construction at the corner of M46/Lumberjack. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the storage unit construction project, as presented.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- e. **Road Commission.** **MALLORY** presented the Road Commission Dust Layer Agreement and Special Maintenance Agreement. Supervisor and Clerk to sign – no additional Board action required as the Dust Layer Agreement amounts are included in the 2026-2027 original budget and will be approved as part of that process.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **EGLE Grant.** No update.
- b. **PAR GRANT. DENSMORE** provided a copy of the proposed PAR Grant application that has been prepared. The request for funding \$5,000 includes: security camera/infrastructure, exterior lighting, parking bollards, first aid kit, flashlights, and an emergency weather radio. All items that would provide critical emergency/risk management support for the Township Hall.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- c. **2025-2026 Amended Budget – General Appropriations Resolution.**

Motion	Miller			
Support	Brecht			
	ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
MALLORY, Tish		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GIBSON-SMITH, Ashlee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DENSMORE, Amy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRECHT, Doug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Michale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. 2026-2027 Original Budget – General Appropriations Resolution.

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

- e. **Food Truck Ordinance. MILLER** noted that the Planning Commission will hold a hearing prior to its regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed Food Truck Ordinance.
- f. **Road Commission. MALLORY** shared that she has seen the Gratiot County Road Commission doing some tree trimming.
- g. **Spring Clean-Up Day: MAY 9, 2026. MALLORY** shared the Kings Disposal Estimate. **Action requested:** Motion to approve Kings Disposal Estimate for 2 trucks (1 at Riverdale, 1 at Elwell) for an amount of \$1,825 per truck (total \$3,650).

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- XI. **Zoning Administration report. KRESNAK** provided her monthly report. **MALLORY** noted on 03/18/2026 at 1:00 pm there will be a Zoom Meeting with the Prosecutor and Health Dept.
- XII. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**
 - NEXT Planning Commission meeting: April 07, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. [Hearing and Meeting]
 - NEXT Seville Township Board Meeting: April 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- XI. **Public Comment. SMITH, Christine.** Asked why there is various paint placed on posts along M46. [MALLORY indicated she would contact MDOT and/or Road Commission to inquire].
- XII. **Final Board Comments. None.**

XIII. Motion to Adjourn. Action requested: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Motion	MILLER
Support	BRECHT
AYES	5
NAYS	0

Minutes Certification:
PROPOSED minutes respectfully submitted:

Amy Densmore
Amy Densmore, Clerk

03/11/2026
Date

APPROVED by the Township Board on 04/08/2026

Amy Densmore
Amy Densmore, Clerk

04/08/2026
Date

APPROVED

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP
FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDER MILLAGE RENEWAL RESOLUTION
2026-0311

At a meeting of the Township Board of Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 11th day of March, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: BRECHT, MILLER, MALLORY, DENSMORE, GIBSON-SMITH

ABSENT: N/A

The following Resolution was offered by MILLER seconded by GIBSON-SMITH.

WHEREAS, the previously authorized millage for fire protection and first responder services expired in 2025; and **WHEREAS**, Seville Township (“Township”) desires to ask voters to renew the previously authorized millage in the amount of 1.9922 mills for a period of four (4) years, 2026-2029, for the purpose of funding fire and first responder service; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the request for a renewal of the previously authorized millage is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interest of Township residents to request that such millage request be placed on the ballot at the August 4, 2026 election.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Board of Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan as follows:

1. The Township Board certifies and resolves to present to the electors of the Seville Township at the November 3, 2026 election a proposed renewal in the amount of 1.9922 mills as described in the ballot language attached as Exhibit A; and
2. The Township Clerk is authorized and directed to promptly submit this resolution along with the ballot language attached as Exhibit A to the Gratiot County Clerk for inclusion in the ballot at the August 4, 2026 election.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED: 5

NAYS: 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF GRATIOT)

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, THE DULY QUALIFIED AND ACTING Township Clerk of Seville Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2026.

Amy Van Atten-Densmore

Amy Densmore
Seville Township Clerk

Exhibit A

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDER MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the previously authorized increase in tax limitation on all taxable property in Seville Township, Gratiot County, that expired in 2025 be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed 1.9922 (\$1.9922 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property for a period of four (4) years, 2026 to 2029, inclusive, to provide funds for the purpose of operating, equipping, purchasing, and any making any other expenditures for fire and first responder services? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2026) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately \$115,000. Funds from this millage may be used by the Township to provide services to Township residents by contract with other local units of government, including but not limited to, the Alma Fire District.

Yes

No

**Resolution of Support
Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application**

WHEREAS the **Seville Township Board** wishes to apply for a **Risk Reduction Grant** through the Michigan Township Participating Plan (Par Plan) to assist in **funding safety and security items that benefit the Township residents; and**

WHEREAS the **Seville Township Board** is seeking a grant contribution of **\$5,000**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Seville Township Board** supports the submittal of an application to the Michigan Township Participating Plan for a **\$5,000** grant to assist in funding hard-wired security cameras – including required wiring, dawn-to-dusk lighting, parking bollards and emergency response items (including weather radio, first aid kit and rechargeable flashlights).

The security cameras, parking bollards and lighting would all be utilized outside of the Township Hall – providing 24/7 safety to residents and all who visit the Township Hall. Additionally, the emergency response items will be essential to the Township in the event of an emergency.

COST OVERVIEW:

Security Cameras/Installation	\$2,750.00
Exterior Dawn/Dusk Lighting (installation wiring not included)	\$650.00
Parking Bollards	\$800.00
Mud Master Mats (for entryways 2 \$308/each)	\$616.00
Emergency Radio	\$160.00
Class B+ First Aid Kit	\$300.00
Rechargeable Maglite LED (\$195 each x4)	\$780.00
TOTAL	\$6,056.00

Motion by MALLORY seconded by MILLER , the *Supervisor* declared the motion adopted.

The following voted:

Yeas: **BRECHT, MILLER, MALLORY, DESMORE, GIBSON-SMITH**

Nays: N/A

Absent: N/A

CERTIFICATION

I, **Amy Densmore, Seville Township Clerk**, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Seville Township Board at a regular meeting on **March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Amy Van Atten-Densmore

Amy Densmore, Clerk

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2025-2026 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT – AMENDED

2026-2027 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

A resolution to establish a general appropriations act for Seville Township; to define the powers and duties of the Seville Township officers in relation to the administration of the budget; and to provide remedies for refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of this resolution.

The Seville Township Board RESOLVES:

Section 1: Title. This resolution shall be known as the Seville Township General Appropriations Act.

Section 2: Chief Administrative Officer. The Supervisor (or other designated official) shall be the Chief Administrative Officer and shall perform the duties of the Chief Administrative Officer enumerated in this act.

Section 3: Fiscal Officer. The Treasurer (or other designated official) shall be the Fiscal Officer and shall perform the duties of the Fiscal Officer enumerated in this act.

Section 4: Public Hearings on the Budget. Pursuant to MCLA 141.412; MCLA 141.413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 05, 2026, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 11, 2026.

Section 5: Millage Levy. The Seville Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount equal to 0.8079 mills as set forth by the Tax Allocation Board (or as authorized under state law and approved by the electorate). The Seville Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount equal to 1.9922 mills for fire and rescue millage as set forth by the Tax Allocation Board (or as authorized under state law and approved by the electorate).

Section 6: Estimated Revenues and Expenditures. Estimated township revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2025-2026 Amended, as applicable, and 2026-2027 for the various township activities are as follows:

FIRE MILLAGE

	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
REVENUE	
Current Property Tax	\$115,000
Delinquent Property Tax	0
Interest Earnings	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$115,000
EXPENDITURES	
Public Safety	\$20,000
Fire Protection	95,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$115,000
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	\$0

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Property Taxes: Current	\$45,000	\$45,000
Taxes: Other	3,864	3,500
Delinquent Property Tax	89	0
Trailer Tax	150	150
Licenses and Permits	3,000	3,000
Cable Franchise Fee	2,700	2,700
Marihuana License Fee	16,000	8,000
Metro Fund Payment	7,102	4,200
State Revenue Sharing	220,000	220,000
Administrative Fee	20,000	20,000
Cemetery Sales	750	750
Interest Earnings	6,420	5,000
Miscellaneous Income	242	0
Reimbursements	1,436	0
Library Payroll Services	600	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$327,372	\$312,300
EXPENDITURES		
Trustees	\$8,900	\$8,900
Supervisor	15,960	16,010
Clerk	17,590	19,310
Board of Review	1,800	1,800
Treasurer	19,685	27,610
Assessor	22,565	22,600
General Government	58,935	52,935
Elections	3,210	9,225
Buildings and Grounds	44,420	44,420
Drains	15,200	20,500
Street Lighting	2,350	2,350
Road Commission	89,885	50,000
Waste Refuse & Collection	6,575	5,000
Cemetery	11,760	8,560
Planning	2,400	2,200
Zoning	9,480	9,480
Parks & Recreation	0	1,000
Library	964	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$331,679	\$302,400
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	\$(4,307)	\$9,900

Section 7: Adoption of Budget by Reference. The fire millage and general fund budget(s) of Seville Township is/are hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in Sections 5 and 7 of this act.

Section 8: Appropriation not a Mandate to Spend. Appropriations will be deemed maximum authorizations to incur expenditures. The fiscal officer shall exercise supervision and control to ensure that expenditures are within appropriations and shall not issue any township order for expenditures that exceed appropriations.

Section 9: Limit on Obligations and Payments. No obligation shall be incurred against, and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account unless there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriation and sufficient funds are or will be available to meet the obligation.

Section 10: Budget Monitoring. Whenever it appears to the Fiscal Officer or the Township Board that the actual and probable revenues in any fund will be less than the estimated revenues upon which appropriations from such fund were based, and when it appears that expenditures shall exceed an appropriation, the Fiscal Officer shall present to the township board recommendations to prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues or appropriations for the current fiscal year(s). Such recommendations shall include proposals for reducing appropriations, increasing revenues, or both.

Section 11: Violations of This Act Any obligation incurred, or payment authorized in violation of this resolution, shall be void and shall subject any responsible official(s) or employee(s) to disciplinary action as outlined in P.A. 621 (1978).

Section 12: Board Adoption.

Action requested: Motion to adopt the **2025-2026 Amended General Fund Budget** – General Appropriations Resolution.

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

Action requested: Motion to adopt the **2026-2027 Original Budget** – General Appropriations Resolution.

Motion	Miller			
Support	Brecht			
ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	
MALLORY, Tish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GIBSON-SMITH, Ashlee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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MILLER, Michale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CERTIFIED:

Amy Van Atten-Densmore

 Amy Densmore, Clerk

03/11/2026

 Date