

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

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

Elwell, MI 48832

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/8/2026

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:

	Deputy Clerk	<input 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. Guest Speaker: Bernie Barnes, Gratiot County Drain Commissioner. BARNES provided an overview to the Board regarding drain projects in the county – how they are initiated, assessed to residents, etc. There was discussion with the Board regarding the incorporation of the Seville Township Hall Retention Pond into the “96 Drain.” BARNES was supportive of the action. [Board discussed further later in the meeting – see below.]

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

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

VI. Public Comment.

- None.

VII. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes, March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, and March 11, 2026 CLOSED SESSION Meeting Minutes. Action requested: Motion to approve all minutes.

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

VIII. Treasurer’s Report- March 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026. Action requested: Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as presented, and to authorize Treasurer GIBSON to take action to place up to \$100,000 of the Fire Account into a CD.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

IX. Accounts Payable-General Ledger March 12, 2026 to March 31, 2026. Action requested: Motion to approve the Accounts Payable/General Ledger Report, as presented. [No April payments (payables or payroll) were initiated at the time of the meeting as there were outstanding tasks required to be done in the system to close the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026].

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

X. CONTINUED BUSINESS.

- a. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery. MALLORY** reported that the Public Hearing was pushed (by the Judge) to May 20, 2026.
- b. **Surety Bond Claim Update. MALLORY** reported that the Complaint is being prepared by the Attorney (Bloom Sluggett).
- c. **PAR Grant Response. DENSMORE** reported that no response had been received. The timeline for notification was established as May 1, 2026.
- d. **Septic System Installation. MALLORY** reported that until the weight restrictions are off, this work is on hold.
- e. **Rental Agreement. TABLED.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Seville Township Hall Retention Pond – 96 Drain Inclusion.** The Board continued its discussion as initiated earlier with Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, Bernie Barnes, regarding whether to request that the Retention Pond at the Seville Township Hall be added to the County’s “96 Drain.” **Action requested:** Motion to request that the Township Hall Retention Pond be added to the County’s 96Drain – including providing access/easement to the Drain Commission, as necessary.

Motion	Brecht
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- b. **Seville Township Clean Up Day. MALLORY** reminded the Board and attendees that the township clean-up day was set for May 9th from 8-12.

- c. **Planning Commission/Marijuana Facility Update for 2026-2027. MILLER** provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting, including that the Food Truck Ordinance was discussed and was passed back to the Board for review and approval. Additionally, he shared that he reported to the Planning Commission that the Township will have only one (1) licensed Marijuana grow (medical and rec) in the Township for 2026-2027.
- d. **SLUP at 1010 W Lincoln Road. MILLER** reported that the Planning Commission approved a Special Land Use Permit for a salon at this address. The Board noted that it would like the Planning Commission to consider (at its next meeting) adding a requirement for approval of SLUPs and permitting that requestors be in “good standing” with the Township. **Action requested:** Motion to request that the Board approve the SLUP, as requested by the resident and as supported by the Planning Commission.

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- e. **Food Truck Ordinance. TABLED UNTIL MAY.**
- f. **Michigan Municipalities Vs. MPSC (Appellate Court Decision – April 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am). MALLORY** reported that the Appellate Court will hear the case regarding the conglomerate of townships (including Seville) against the State Agency regarding Solar.
- g. **Gratiot County Planning Commission Meeting.** MALLORY noted that there will be a meeting on data centers held at the Gratiot County Courthouse on May 6th at 5:00 p.m.
- h. **Kenny Trucking & Excavating Contract Extension.** MULDER (Sexton) presented the contract from Kenny Trucking & Excavating for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This reflects the rates charged to open graves. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the contract, as presented.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- XI. **Zoning Administration report. KRESNAK** provided her monthly report.
- XII. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**
 - NEXT Seville Township Board Meeting: May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- XI. **Public Comment.**
 - a. **SMITH, Christine.** Shared brief comments.
 - b. **MULDER, Jim.** Noted there were trees down in Sibley cemetery.
- XII. **Final Board Comments. None.**

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

Motion	Mallory
Support	Gibson-Smith
AYES	5
NAYS	0

Minutes Certification:
PROPOSED minutes respectfully submitted:

Amy Densmore
Amy Densmore, Clerk

04/08/2026
Date

APPROVED by the Township Board on 05/13/2026

Amy Densmore
Amy Densmore, Clerk

05/13/2026
Date

APPROVED