

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

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

Elwell, MI 48832

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/13/2026

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 **6:34 PM**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Patricia (Tish) Mallory	Supervisor	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Ashlee Gibson-Smith	Treasurer	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Amy Densmore	Clerk	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Doug Brecht	Trustee	☒ Present	☐ Absent
Michale Miller	Trustee	☒ Present	☐ Absent

Other Township Attendees:

Linda Kresnak	Deputy Clerk	☐ Present	☐ Absent
Jim Mulder	Zoning Admin	☒ Present	☐ Absent
	Cemetery Mgr	☒ Present	☐ Absent

IV. Approval of Agenda. DENSMORE requested that the Accounts Payable – General Ledger Report reflect dates from April 1, 2026, to May 13, 2026. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the agenda, as revised.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Densmore
AYES	5
NAYS	0

V. Public Comment.

- None.

VI. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- VII. Treasurer's Report: April 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented.

Motion	Miller
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

- VIII. Accounts Payable-General Ledger April 1, 2026, to May 13, 2026. Action requested:** Motion to approve the Accounts Payable/General Ledger Report, as presented.

Motion	Gibson-Smith
Support	Miller
AYES	5
NAYS	0

IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS.

- a. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery. MALLORY** reported that the Public Hearing was scheduled for 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 the Township received notification of a \$2,250 award (\$5,000 was requested). BRECHT asked about a separate amount he had seen reported for "security." DENSMORE indicated she would review and would provide a proposal for the Board's consideration at the June meeting since the amount was less than requested.
- d. **Septic System Installation. MALLORY** reported that the project remained on hold due to the wet weather.
- e. **Rental Agreement. TABLED.**
- f. **Food Truck Ordinance. TABLED.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Seville Township Clean Up Day. MALLORY** reported that the day was successful – both trucks were filled.
- b. **Planning Commission/Master Plan – Final Approval. MALLORY** reported that the County-wide Master Plan is now ready for FINAL approval. This requires a public hearing by the Planning Commission, then a recommendation (by vote) from the Planning Commission to the Board. *[NOTE: it was originally anticipated that the Planning Commission would hold its meeting on June 9, 2026; a special meeting notice was posted – however, it was later determined that the Public Hearing notice had not been published; therefore, the Planning Commission meeting for June 9, 2026, was cancelled. A Public Hearing notice for July 7, 2026, will be posted – allowing completion and Planning Commission action prior to the Board's July 8, 2026, meeting.]*

- c. **Planning Commission/Marijuana Facility Update for 2026-2027.** MILLER reminded the Board that there is a standing item reported at each Planning Commission meeting regarding the current Marijuana Facilities in the Township which consists of (1) licensed Marijuana grow (medical and rec) in the Township for 2026-2027.
 - d. **Michigan Municipalities Vs. MPSC.** MALLORY provided an update on the **Appellate Court Decision from April 15, 2026.** The decision was positive in one respect, and negative in another. The Michigan Municipalities (via its lawyer, Foster Swift) would be moving forward with an appeal. The anticipated cost for the Township was estimated at \$400 as the total amount is split amongst all of the municipalities that are in the suit.
 - e. **Gratiot County Planning Commission Meeting.** MALLORY and MILLER reported on the informational meeting regarding data centers held at the Gratiot County Courthouse on May 6. Both noted the meeting was not useful – the presentation (by Consumers Energy representative) consisted of reading power point slides, and at least one of the County commissioners fell asleep during the meeting.
 - f. **Tree Clean-Up/possible removal at Seville Cemetery.** There was discussion of the potential need for tree clean-up at the Seville Cemetery.
- XI. **Zoning Administration report.** KRESNAK provided her monthly report. There was discussion that a resident was interested in purchasing a brand new mobile home (16x60), and that based on the square footage (960), they would need to apply for a variance since it did not meet the minimum (980 square feet) through the Township ZBA. A public hearing notice and ZBA meeting will be posted. *[NOTE: After the posting for the hearing appeared in the Gratiot County Herald, the resident interested in the variance indicated they had changed their mind, and a variance was no longer requested. The ZBA public hearing and meeting was cancelled.]*
- XII. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**
- NEXT Seville Township Board Meeting: June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- XI. **Public Comment.**
- a. **LEITER, Robert.** Inquired about the Township's ordinance for solar and whether that protected it from these large solar farms. MALLORY shared that given the current structure with the State Commission – the State authority has the ability to “override” local – which is why the Township is participating in the legal battle with other municipalities. [MALLORY also shared that she was aware that a Florida solar company was contacting local farmers].
 - b. **HALE, Mark.** Inquired about whether a recycling program was available in the Township/County. [MALLORY shared that the County was in the early stages of compiling information/data regarding a recycling program and encouraged residents to submit a response to the County survey].
- XII. **Final Board Comments. None.**

XIII. Motion to Adjourn. Action requested: Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Brecht
AYES	5
NAYS	0

Minutes Certification:

PROPOSED minutes respectfully submitted:

<u><i>Amy Densmore</i></u>	<u>05/13/2026</u>
Amy Densmore, Clerk	Date

APPROVED by the Township Board on 06/10/2026

<u><i>Amy Densmore</i></u>	<u>06/10/2026</u>
Amy Densmore, Clerk	Date