

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP

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

Elwell, MI 48832

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/8/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

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

MEETING TYPE MINUTES TYPE

☒ Regular ☐ Special
☐ Proposed ☒ Approved

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:31 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. Action requested: Motion to approve the agenda, as revised.

Motion	Miller
Support	Densmore
AYES	3
NAYS	0

V. Public Comment.

- None.

VI. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Action requested: Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion	Miller
Support	Mallory
AYES	3
NAYS	0

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

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	3
NAYS	0

VIII. Accounts Payable-General Ledger June 11, 2026, to July 08, 2026. Action requested:
Motion to approve the Accounts Payable/General Ledger Report, as presented.

Motion	Mallory
Support	Miller
AYES	3
NAYS	0

IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS.

- a. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery. MALLORY** reported that the Public Hearing was held on June 16, 2026, however, title work was not complete at the time of the hearing so final transition date has not yet been determined.
- b. **Surety Bond/Contractor Lawsuit Update. MALLORY** reported that the lawsuit has been filed and served.
- c. **State Funding – crime. DENSMORE** suggested that the Township consider using the funding it receives from the state from crime funding could be used to provide Township-specific security services surrounding board meetings dates and election days. **Action requested:** Motion to prepare and submit proposals to the Gratiot County Sheriff's Dept and the Michigan State Police approve the funding to support security measures at the Township Hall.

Motion	Miller
Support	Mallory
AYES	3
NAYS	0

- d. **Septic System Installation. MALLORY** reported that the project has been completed and the septic system has received full approval from the Health Dept.
- e. **Rental Agreement. MALLORY** provided a sample template for use and consideration for Township residents (property owners) that wish to rent the hall. It was agreed that this would suffice to start and then if changes needed to be made it could be further revised. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the Rental Agreement, as presented.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	3
NAYS	0

- f. **Food Truck Ordinance.** The version approved by the Planning Commission was reviewed. **Action requested:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	3
NAYS	0

- g. **Manufactured Housing Zoning Guidelines.** The State's Manufactured Housing Commission sets forth guidelines regarding the age of mobile homes and whether they can be moved. **Action requested:** Motion to incorporate the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Township Zoning Section on housing to limit the

movement of mobile homes within or into the Township to those units that are “under 10 years” old.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Mallory
AYES	3
NAYS	0

- h. **Chapel Gardens Cemetery Maintenance Plan.** MULDER shared his concerns regarding the potential mowing/maintenance responsibilities associated with Chapel Gardens. No official proposal was presented – further discussion to follow.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Planning Commission/Master Plan – Public Hearing + Approval.** MILLER shared an update from the recent Planning Commission Meeting – including the required public hearing to review/approval the final version of the County-wide Master Plan. MILLER also noted that the Planning Commission has tabled action on data centers pending activity at the State level.
- b. **County-wide Master Plan Approval.** <NEED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE>
- c. **Tree and Brush Removal at Seville, Riverdale, Sibley Cemeteries.** Will be re-evaluated in Spring 2027.
- d. **Lumberjack Park – Zoning Letter from Gratiot County.** MALLORY shared that Gratiot County Permits Office issued a letter to the Township indicating that concern had been received regarding property being used as a rustic campground at Lumberjack Park. The term “grandfathered” is being used and the Permits office noted that typically “grandfathered” or nonconforming uses have regulations in a zoning ordinance. The Board was unaware of any provisions that allowed for the use of the term “grandfathered” for exemption from the Zoning Ordinance. This issue was referred to the Zoning Administrator for further review and follow-up.
- e. **Appoint Joe Keeler to the Planning Commission.** MALLORY introduced Joe Keeler and indicated he has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Leonard Cusenza has resigned from the Planning Commission, therefore, creating a vacancy. Formal Oath of Office will be administered following the meeting.
- f. **Weeds around the Township Hall.** Action Requested: Motion to approve up to \$350 to get the tall weeds/grass removed from the Township Hall site.

Motion	Densmore
Support	Miller
AYES	3
NAYS	0

- g. **IBV Energy Meeting with Township officials and attorney.** MALLORY shared that a meeting is scheduled to occur between 2 board members (less than quorum) and members of IBV Energy. The Township attorney (Foster Swift) will be present.
- h. **Tire Grant from EGLE approved.** MALLORY noted that she received authorization from EGLE for the tire truck. It was agreed to HOLD that for use with next Spring 2027 Clean-Up Day since there is already a tire event scheduled at the Gratiot County Fair Grounds

on September 19th.

- i. **Transit Authority Millage – November Election.** MALLORY noted that the County-wide transit authority millage will be on the November ballot.

XI. **Zoning Administration report.** KRESNAK provided her monthly report.

XII. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

- NEXT Seville Township Board Meeting: 08/12/2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- NEXT Seville Township Planning Commission Meeting: 09/08/2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

XI. **Public Comment. None.**

XII. **Final Board Comments. None.**

XIII. **Motion to Adjourn. Action requested:** Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Motion	Miller
Support	Densmore
AYES	3
NAYS	0

Minutes Certification:

PROPOSED minutes respectfully submitted:

Amy Densmore

Amy Densmore, Clerk

07/08/2026

Date

APPROVED by the Township Board on 08/12/2026

Amy Densmore

Amy Densmore, Clerk

08/12/2026

Date