

Approved Minutes

EVERETT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Judy Maike called the meeting to order at 1pm
2. **Roll call:** Board Members Present: Supervisor Maike, Treasurer Fleming, Clerk Chaffee, Trustee Chaffee & Trustee Long. Also present was County Commissioner/Planning Commission Chair Jim Maike, Transfer Station Attendant Jeffrey Craigmyle, Barton Township Supervisor Kyle Luce, Adam Mercer, and Travis Mund.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Agenda Approval:** Motion by Curt Chaffee with support by Richard Long to approve the agenda with the additions of (New Business) C. Planning Commission Application. Ayes all. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of Board Minutes of 3/19/24** – Brandy Fleming with support by Curt Chaffee moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes all. Minutes approved.
6. **Public Comment** – Adam Mercer spoke about his campaign for Newaygo County Sherriff. Kyle Luce spoke about petitions to return zoning for wind/solar to the Townships.
7. **Bills & Financials:**
 - A. **Treasurer’s Report** – Reconciled Bank Balances as of 3/31/24 – General Account \$1,287,587.50, Tax Account \$3.24.
 - B. **Bank 3/31/24** - \$1,287,587.50 total in the general checking account (General Fund \$715,361.98; Roads \$401,038.82; Fire -0-; Cemetery -0-; Building Dept. \$3,344.80; ARPA \$167,841.90; outstanding checks \$83,687.70; outstanding bank receipts \$16,881.09)
 - C. **Township Bills-** Amount: \$45,504.79 (cks 12744 – 12771 & E757 – E765). A motion by Trustee Chaffee with support by Trustee Long was made to approve the payments. Ayes all. So moved
 - D. **Budget Review:** April is **8%** of FY 23/24. A Resolution for FY 23/24 will be prepared after receipt of the early voting invoice from the County.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **White Cloud/Sherman Utilities** – update.
 - B. **Summer Avenue** – update
 - C. **Proposals – Resolutions 2024-19, 2024-20, 2024-21** – Trustee Curt Chaffee moved to approve all three Resolutions as presented. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Brandy Fleming. Roll Call Vote: Ayes all. The resolutions were declared adopted
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Ben Gilpin, Superintendent** – Superintendent Gilpin was unable to attend Adam Mercer had attended a meeting and was able to update us on the May bond proposal for Newaygo Schools.
 - B. **Clean-up Day May 4th** – Judy Maike will man the gate from open until noon. Richard Long will work the gate from noon until close. Jim Maike will generously again work and bring his backhoe.
 - C. **Planning Commission applications** - tabled

10. Officer's Reports

- a. **Zoning Official/Planning Co/ZBA** – Zoning Administrator Chaffee updated the Board on the success attained so far with the ongoing task cleaning up blighted properties. Planning Commission Chair Maike said that the Planning Commission is focusing on two areas: berms and noise/dust amendments. They will return to the new zoning district soon. area close to White Cloud would be the best place to increase housing in Everett Township and the Planning Commission will be considering making that area medium density housing.
- b. **County Commissioner** – Commissioner Maike reported the new proposed septic tank bill may be increased to inspections every 15 years, but it is likely to pass.
- c. **Transfer Station** – Transfer Station Attendant Craigmyle reported that there are no problems but we need the 6th small dumpster returned. We also need to request dumpsters with covers if possible.
- d. **Supervisor** – Supervisor Maike's term on the Library Board is ending. Clerk Chaffee with support by Trustee Chaffee moved to reappoint Judy Maike to the Library Board. Ayes: C. Chaffee, P. Chaffee, B. Fleming, R. Long. Nays – none. Abstain – J. Maike. Supervisor Judy Maike is reappointed to the Library Board for another term.
- e. **Clerk** – Clerk Chaffee reported that the new tables for the hall will be delivered this Friday afternoon and asked for volunteers to move them in to the building. She again asked that a deadbolt lock be installed on her door as her office has been easily broken into. Community Service workers are available – let her know if you have a task to be completed. (Supervisor Maike volunteered to help when the storage room at the Transfer Station is tackled). The BLM has put the 40 acre site next to the Transfer Station on their agenda – there is hope that we may be able to obtain it!
- f. **Treasurer** – nothing.
- g. **Trustees** – Richard Long updated the Board on the Fire Board's upcoming purchase of a new truck.

11. **Public Comment** – (limited to 3 minutes per person on any topic) - none.

12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pam Chaffee