

CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 13 ,2024, 6:30 P.M.
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP HALL
5001 S. FRENCH ROAD, CEDAR, MI 49621
MINUTES

Quorum Present

PRESENT: Ronald Schaub, Elizabeth Chiles, Katrina Pleva, Daniel Hubbell, Joe Mosher

GUESTS: 8 in person, 1 person on Zoom.

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review Agenda/Additions/Approve Agenda
Item 6, #3 was questioned. Schaub will address the election results at that time.
ACTION: Hubbell moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Mosher.
Motion carried. 5,0
3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 1. October 9, 2024, Regular meeting minutes
Several errors were noted. Kacin will make corrections and submit to the Clerk.
ACTION: Pleva moved to approve the minutes of 10-9-24, regular meeting, as presented and amended, supported by Schaub. Motion carried. 5,0
4. Public Comment
Rolf von Walthausen – He noted that being in the election campaign was a good experience. He was able to have conversations with people which helped him to understand the community better. He noted a lot of people are not aware of the Township’s issues and concerns. In some cases, he was able to direct people to a right source to address their concerns. His greatest concern is the continued illegal spreading of septic waste on farm land by Williams and Bay. He implored the Board to take aggressive action to stop this practice.
5. Township Financial Update
 1. Treasurer’s Report
The Township was paid from both Glen Lake and Leland schools for the summer tax collection. Tax bills will be mailed out at the end of November. One CD is maturing at the end of November.
 2. Invoices – Review and authorize payment
There was a question about a voided amount to Brian Smith and a check for Brian Smith. Each appeared twice in the ledger. Chiles will look into it.
ACTION: Schaub moved to authorize payments as reviewed; supported by Mosher.
Motion carried. 5,0
 3. Reconciliation
Schaub did the reconciliation and it was satisfactory.
6. Clerk Report
 1. Report on Election - Chiles

Chiles was pleased with the election workers and gave thanks to the Deputy Clerk Ray for managing the precinct. There was discussion about early voting. Mosher suggested that election workers start work at 6 a.m. to get ready. Chiles said she and the Deputy Clerk came to the same conclusion.

The error happened because early votes were not counted the way they were supposed to be counted.

2. Training for New Officials

Training for new officials is in December in person and online. Chiles suggests attending in person. The cost is the same. Michigan Township Association manuals for trustees are purchased and ready to assist the new trustees. There was discussion about how officials should sign up and pay for the training. The cost is \$150 per person.

3. Swear in New Board

Schaub, Pleva, and Chiles can be sworn in today. Once the vote is certified, the others will be able to take the oath.

7. Planning Commission

1. Board Representative's report

The Zoning Ordinance went into effect on November 1. There were issues in the Zoning Ordinance that will continue to be reviewed by the PC. Any proposed changes will be brought together as a group to the Board rather than presenting each proposed change individually. Some subjects to be reviewed are: gravel mining, septage application to farm land, commercial WECS, conditional rezoning and STR's.

The Master Plan review has been authorized by Board. The Planning Commission are exploring options for public comment.

The PC is expecting site plan reviews to come in from Amoritas and the Irwin/Curl general store plan. The ZA will review the applications to make sure they are complete before it goes to the PC.

Northgate may appeal the May 29, 2024 decision. Attorney Brad Wierda is representing us again. The court scheduled a hearing for December 2.

2. PC to provide update of members terms/renewals for December 11 meeting.

Mosher's term will end November 20. It needs to be decided who will serve as Board Representative. Term endings will be presented at the December 11 meeting.

3. Next regular meeting December 2, 2024

Daniel Hubbell commended the PC for the work that was done on the zoning ordinance.

8. Cedar Area Fire and Rescue Board

1. Board member report

Schaub and Pleva attended the meeting. Pleva is Schaub's alternate. Kasson is interested in another location for a second station. Bingham is showing interest in restructuring their Fire and Rescue services.

Cedar Area Fire and Rescue is in good shape financially. They are close to finishing their contract with the Union.

2. Next regular meeting: THURSDAY, December 5, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

9. Supervisor's Report

1. The Zoning Ordinance went into effect on November 1, 2024 and the Moratorium ended on the same date. Schaub reviewed the audit and was pleased with it. The audit cost \$6,000.

10. Board – Unfinished Business

1. Williams & Bay/Northgate update

There have not been any updates from Chris Bzdok about the Williams and Bay issue. Northgate has sued us in Federal District Court. There is also an appeal in County Circuit Court from Northgate.

2. Furnace

We could get something new or get the old one fixed. The proposal from Leelanau Sheet Metal was discussed. An additional cost to that bid would be the electrical.

ACTION: Hubbell moved to accept the bid from Leelanau Sheet Metal dated 9-23-24; supported by Mosher. Motion carried. 5,0

Chiles will look into the ARPA funds. Leelanau Sheet Metal wants a deposit of \$4,000.

3. Roads

Schaub met with Brendan Mullane with other supervisors. It was advised that Townships need to have enough money to cover a whole project in case the Road Commission will be unable to fund the project in any manner. Schaub wants to get clarification of what roads will be financed in what way. There is no new information about Rosinski Road.

11. Board – New Business

1. Designate remainder of ARPA funds

ARPA funds will be used for the furnace. Mosher suggested that a laptop be purchased for use in elections only. It may alleviate a problem experienced during the last election. Another computer could be replaced and other office equipment could be purchased.

11. Commissioner's Report – Kama Ross

- The County budget is ready. There will be a public hearing.

- Ross serves on the Parks and Rec committee. The final draft of the 5-year master plan is ready. Miles Kimmerley Park, Old Settlers Park, and Veronica Valley are highlighted in the plan.
- Material management plan – This involves waste management and lessening the amount that goes into landfills.
- The County Board interviewed two candidates to fill positions on the Road Commission: Mel Black and Tim Lodge.
- There were 37 applicants for Administrator. 9 were chosen to interview; 2 declined.
- Ross met with Betsy Coffia about the speed on the M22 curve, south of Leland.
- Glen Lake School has forested property that is currently being looked at for affordable housing. Ross is not in favor of that. Mosher and the public added to that discussion.

12. Upcoming Township Meetings

1. Next Board of Trustees Meeting: December 11, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

13. Public Comment

Tim O’Non – He would like to see more action on the maintenance of our roads.

Kama Ross – She would like to see more action on the Williams and Bay issue. If they are in violation, there should be consequences.

Rolf von Walthausen - He doesn’t understand what information Chris Bzdok still needs to know. Community members and EGLE representatives seem to know all that information. The Township needs to see more action from the attorney.

Greg Jackowski – He also made comments in favor of the Township stepping up their activity on the Williams and Bay issue.

Rolf von Walthausen - This issue is not about right to farm, it is about pollution.

Lindy Kellogg – She has the same concerns about the Williams and Bay issue. It has taken too long. Williams and Bay have been ordered to cease and desist or pay a daily fine. Farmers are being taken advantage of.

Some complaints were voiced about the Zoning Administrator’s lack of transparency in the work he is doing. He does not attend Board meetings anymore.

Many commended the work of those who are leaving Board and PC positions. Chiles thanked Commissioner Ross for her exemplary service to the Township for the past two years. Once the Board of Canvassers completes their review, we will know who the new trustees are.

14. Motion to Adjourn

ACTION: Schaub moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.; supported by Hubbell. Motion carried. 5,0

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kacin