

CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025 6:30 P.M.
CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP HALL
5001 S. FRENCH ROAD, CEDAR, MI 49621
MINUTES

Quorum Present

PRESENT: Ronald Schaub, Elizabeth Chiles, Katrina Pleva, Kerry O’Non, Jody Arens

GUESTS: 3 in person, 1 on Zoom

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Review agenda/Additions Approve Agenda

The Clerk’s report will be reviewed as #5 on the agenda after the Treasurer’s report, #4.

ACTION: Schaub moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended; supported by Chiles. Motion carried. 5,0

3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

1. December 17, 2024, Closed meeting minutes

ACTION: Pleva moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024, closed meeting, as presented and amended, supported by Schaub. Motion carried. (5,0)

2. December 17, 2024, Regular Board meeting minutes

ACTION: Chiles moved to approve the Board meeting minutes of December 17, 2024, as presented and amended, supported by O’Non. Motion carried. (5,0)

4. Public Comment – None

5. Township Financial Update

1. Treasurer’s Report

Tax collection is going well. The Township has earned over \$4,000 in interest for the 2024 year. There is money in the money market account which could go into a CDR. Pleva will continue to review current interest rates.

ACTION: Chiles moved to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented; supported by O’Non. Motion carried. 5,0

2. Invoices – Review and authorize payment

A lot of bills are not in yet because it is early in the month of January. Work for picking up of leaves for \$250 has not been turned in yet.

ACTION: Pleva moved to approve the payment of bills as presented; supported by Arens. Motion carried. 5,0

3. Review of P & L

At the end of December, 2024, there were questions about the accounting of ARPA funds. Pleva reviewed and explained how the funds are recorded. The intended expenses from ARPA that are outstanding were reviewed. The Township is currently within the budget on everything.

Tax Collections for 2025

ACTION: Pleva moved to accept Resolution 2025-01, the agreement from Northwest Education Services for the collection of total school property taxes for 2024; supported by Arens.

ROLL CALL VOTE (not necessarily called in this order)		
Ronald Schaub, Supervisor	Yes	
Elizabeth Chiles, Clerk	Yes	
Katrina Pleva	Yes	
Jody Arens	Yes	
Kerry O'Non	Yes	Motion Carried 5,0

ACTION: Pleva moved to accept Resolution 2025-02, the agreement from Leland School for the collection of total school property taxes for the summer of 2024 at \$2.50 per parcel; supported by Arens.

ROLL CALL VOTE (not necessarily called in this order)		
Ronald Schaub, Supervisor	Yes	
Elizabeth Chiles, Clerk	Yes	
Katrina Pleva	Yes	
Jody Arens	Yes	
Kerry O'Non	Yes	Motion Carried 5,0

ACTION: Pleva moved to accept Resolution 2025-03, the agreement from Glen Lake School for the collection of total school property taxes for the summer of 2024 at \$2.50 per parcel; supported by O'Non.

ROLL CALL VOTE (not necessarily called in this order)		
Ronald Schaub, Supervisor	Yes	
Elizabeth Chiles, Clerk	Yes	
Katrina Pleva	Yes	
Jody Arens	Yes	
Kerry O'Non	Yes	Motion Carried 5,0

5. Clerk report

There was a problem with the furnace. Lemcool determined that the igniter needed to be fixed. Schaub and Lemcool worked out a new plan for heating the meeting room and office. Mice have been noted in the office. Traps will be set. Chiles would like to order 3 more reference books (the Red Book and books on zoning and planning) for the Board officers. The library will be kept in the Township Office.

6. Planning Commission

1. Board representative's Report

There was discussion about rezoning and STR's. They discussed what the STR committee did. Grobbel had information on transportation and it was discussed what needs to be in the Master Plan. There was discussion about acknowledging the tribal community in the Master Plan. Bill Rastetter, a resident attorney, commented on the stance of the tribal community.

Molly Hyde made public comment about her concern about the lack of space for parking on the Irwin's Good Harbor Highway property.

2. Next regular meeting, February 3, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

7. Cedar Area Fire and Rescue Board

1. Board member report – review numbers for 2nd station

Schaub reported. The CAFR is asking if the townships want to move forward on a second station. A financial analysis was done. They would not need additional capital equipment. There is a plan for capital replacement. They are working with other townships for staffing. Shared manpower is already being done. Centerville would pay a lease for the building from Kasson township. Schaub believes the project could work. Schaub discussed the financial proposed plan for it. It has been projected out to 2030 and it looks doable. The Board members discussed the plan and were in agreement to support the plan. Schaub will pass on the recommendation.

2. Next regular meeting: February 6, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

8. Supervisor's Report

1. Classes at Crystal Mt./BOR. Appoint a member/classes

Schaub and Arens went to the classes. They felt it was beneficial. There will be a live Q&A on January 30.

Tom Ulrich from the Board of Review has to take classes. There was discussion about paying participants for their time in training classes. Chiles will look for the policy and the Board can review it.

9. Board – Unfinished Business

1. Brian Rodgers/Northgate lawsuits

Brian Rodgers – The Board took action against him to clean up his property. The Township won the suit, but it has been under appeal. It is expected that the judge will make a decision on the appeal soon.

Northgate – Brad Wierda attended the last hearing which was for scheduling a court appearance. Mediation will not be the next step.

2. Williams & Bay

Bzdok did not have time to do what was asked for in the closed meeting. He will have it together for the February meeting.

10. Board – New Business

1. Begin Budget process for 2025-2026 (Cost Center Budget)

Schaub presented a cost center budget. 50,000 will be put in reserve for the roads. 35,000 will be put in for legal.

11. Commissioner's Report Alan Campbell

The Board of Commissioners decided on a new Chair. Campbell explained the motion about the energy task force. The Housing Action committee was sent back to the Planning Commission. They met in closed session to discuss attorney/client privilege. The Union contract was accepted by county employees. The Housing Collaborative has everything to do with local zoning. There is pressure to allow for more density. Housing North is the umbrella for the housing group.

12. Upcoming Township Meetings

1. Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

13. Public Comment

There was a question from the public about work being done in a wetland at Good Harbor. The land has been cleared and small portable cabins have been put in there. There were pup tents there over the summer. Tim Cypher will be asked about it.

Dar Doorlag asked for the Zoom to be fixed. She receives audio but not video.

Pleva acknowledged and thanked Nancy Keilty and Peggy Gauthier for putting up the Christmas decorations.

14. Motion to Adjourn

ACTION: Schaub moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.; supported by Chiles. Motion carried. 5.0

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kacin