

**CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 10 ,2024, 6:30 P.M.**

**CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP HALL**

**MINUTES (AMENDED)**

***Quorum Present***

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

**GUESTS:** 6 in person

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance Schaub called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Schaub noted a mistake on the newsletter.
2. Review Agenda/Additions - Approve Agenda
  - add June 12, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.
  - discuss picnic tables at the park under New Business as #3.
  - Discuss posting of correspondence document under New Business as #4.

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

3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

1. June 12, 2024, Regular meeting minutes

- rewording on pg. 2 as discussed
- Strike a sentence on p. 3 as discussed
- Error in numbering on p. 4. Need to erase #14 to correct ordering.

**ACTION:** Mosher moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024, regular meeting, as presented and amended, supported by Pleva. Motion carried.

(4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain because of absence **on June 12, 2024**)

2. June 19, 2024, Regular meeting minutes

**ACTION:** Hubbell moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2024, special meeting, as presented, supported by Mosher. Motion carried.

(4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain because of absence **on June 19, 2024**)

4. Public Comment

Deb Kuhn commented on the early Childhood millage. It is a 0.235 mill renewal. The value of this program is hard to calculate. However, she has witnessed how families have used this program, heard testimonies from families, and she has seen firsthand how beneficial it is to the families and the community as a whole. She is impressed with the play groups and the use of Power books and Dolly Parton books. There is a handout that lists 10 points of what the Early Childhood program provides.

Darlene Doorlag also commented to promote a vote for the millage. This is a renewal. It would cost the average taxpayer \$4.50 a month. Ages 0-3 is a critical time of

development and it is critical for parents to receive this knowledge. The program has 3 community health workers and 2 social workers. These programs pay for themselves with the benefits the families received. This program can help to keep youth out of probate, substance abuse, and mental health services. The program can help to lower teen pregnancy rates, lower the need for special education services, and realize higher graduation rates and the likelihood of attending college. The Early Childhood office is in the Leelanau/Benzie office of the Government Center. 300+ people received help, and 70+ received home visits.

Hubbell commented on the validity of the early childhood initiative and gave advice on how to promote a positive millage.

Rolf von Walthausen commented on recent septage application on a Township farm property. A letter was sent to the owners to cease the application without a permit and informed them of a fee if they did not. The owner receives \$400 per load of septage. Williams and Bay would have to pay \$720 to take a load to the Traverse City sewage plant. von Walthausen did the math and found that the owners would still benefit monetarily even if they paid the fee per day. The fee is not an incentive for them to stop profiting from taking the septage from Williams and Bay. Also, Williams and Bay can dispose of the waste with less expense. von Walthausen has concerns about the treatment, storage, and application. Of greater concern is the contamination of the ground water. He encouraged the Board to stop this from happening.

Greg Jackowski – He voiced a concern about long-term camping on property. There is a property that has camper and there are appliances underneath a canopy. He was encouraged to contact Chris Grobbel to find out about the rules concerning camping.

## 5. Township Financial Update

### 1. Treasurer's Report

Two CD's from ~~Forefront Bank~~ **4 Front Credit Union** have matured and were put into 6-month CD's at a credit union where the rate was higher (3.3%). A money market checking account was also opened. The Township recently made \$880 in interest off previous deposits.

Taxes are coming in strong. Most non-resident taxpayers did not know that **Glen Lake** school taxes were switched over to the summer tax collection from the winter tax collection. There were calls as to why the taxes were so high for the summer. **If a taxpayer is making a partial payment**, a receipt is sent to the taxpayer when the entire tax has been paid.

The Township received the Metro Act revenue sharing payment.

**ACTION:** Schaub moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; supported by Chiles. Motion carried. 5,0

### 2. Invoices – Review and authorize payment

The ZBA employees were paid for the meetings but not for their prep hours yet. They will be paid for prep hours in August.

**ACTION:** Hubbell move to authorize payment of invoices; supported by Schaub.  
Motion carried. 5,0

3. Reconciliation

Schaub reviewed and found no problems. The auditors like the reconcile reports.

6. Clerk Report

Things are going smoothly on the absentee ~~ballots~~ ballot. There is still some confusion about the old vs new absentee ballot system.

Chiles attended an the annual Michigan Association of Munciple Clerks conference and reported that it was a good leaning experience.

7. Planning Commission

1. Board representative's Report – Joe Mosher

There have been two special meetings held. The moratorium was extended on June 19, 2024. The PC is addressing public feedback from comments submitted and the public hearing. There is a special meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., July 11, to continue this work.

~~They will also discuss the problem with Williams and Bay.~~ **The Planning Commission will also discuss the issue regarding Williams and Bay septic application.** The Township may want to submit a FOIA for any EGLE permits that may have been applied for. The FOIA fee would be \$223.92.

There has not been much movement on the Leelanau Pines situation. Northgate filed an appeal – no much movement. Northgate filed an appeal against the Zoning Board of Appeals on the second denial. They have secured a permit for expanding the marina. The Township will contest the EGLE approval of the marina expansion. Rolf von Walthausen reported on the June 20, 2024 meeting. The PC reviewed the public comments. Campground size is a public concern.

A summary report will be submitted at the August 5, 2024 meeting.

The revised zoning ordinance has to be reviewed by the County. There has been difficulty in contacting the new County planner. Centerville Township Board also needs to approve the zoning ordinance. Grobbel still feels we will get through everything before moratorium expires. A draft notice for extending the moratorium will be written in case it is needed.

Special Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

2. Next meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

8. Cedar Area Fire and Rescue Board

1. Board member report – Ron Schaub

Financially, everything is going smoothly. There was a lot of discussion about a second station. There are working on a projected 5-year budget. They are not planning on hiring more personnel. They might need to hire a part-time secretary. Cleveland cannot justify partnering to build a new station. Kasson Township will be doing a study and would have to build a station on their own.

Schaub explained how the finances of the department is divided.

The department is working on a 3-year union contract. The Chief is not included in the union.

2. Next regular meeting: August 7, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
9. Supervisor's Report - None
10. Board – Unfinished Business - None
11. Board – New Business
  1. ZBA meeting July 24, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. They will be making a zoning correction for the General Store.
  2. A new ZBA member is needed to replace Deb Kuhn. An alternate is also needed. A message will be sent to those who attend the meetings that we are in need of new members.
  3. The picnic tables at the park are in bad shape. One table is broken up in the grass and one table collapsed as people were using it. Pleva will look into buying new tables. Schaub will call someone about removal of the old tables. Pleva noted that Kevin Mikowski has been mowing but has not sent an invoice.
  4. A correspondence from David Wurm and a response from Chiles was read aloud at the meeting. Wurm inquired about epackets for meetings. Handouts for the meetings are new listed in the “handouts” section of the website. The MTA does not have any guidelines as to what should be included in the handouts. The Board felt we are already posting more than what is expected. The Board agreed that the present process is sufficient.
12. Commissioner's Report – Kama Ross (absent)  
Report will be put on the website.
13. Upcoming Township Meetings
  1. Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
14. Public Comment

Deb Kuhn – She thanked the Board for their public service. She commented that the launch at the park is unusable. The cement is out of whack. The Board should look at it. It needs to be dredged. There was discussion about putting up a sign about the limitations and a possible repair.

Beth Chiles – She commented that there is a short election meeting after this meeting if anyone is interested.

Daniel Hubbell – He expressed his appreciation of Kama Ross.
15. Motion to Adjourn

**ACTION:** Schaub moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.; supported by Hubbell.  
Motion carried. (5,0)  
Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kacin