

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Vevay Township Hall–6:30 p.m.
517-676-9523
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Ross at 6:30 PM

Present: Anderson, Ross, Cady, VanDeventer, McNeilly, and Pinkerton

Absent: none

Others Present: John Lazet, Vevay Township Supervisor; and Cindy Dodge, Consultant; four (4) Vevay Township Residents, and one (1) Mason City Resident

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Set/Amend Agenda

Anderson MOTIONED to add review of the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report. McNeilly SECONDED.

MOTION carried 6-0

McNeilly MOTIONED to add Discussion of Public Comment under Pending Business. VanDeventer SECONDED.

MOTION carried 6-0

McNeilly MOTIONED to accept the agenda as amended. McNeilly SECONDED.
MOTION carried 6-0

IV. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of 12-3-2025

MOTION by Cady, SECONDED by McNeilly, to approve the 12-3-25 minutes as presented. MOTION carried 6-0

V. Brief Public Comment

A. Vevay Resident (since July 1987) is very concerned about how people were treated at the city of Mason and how the ordinance is being pushed through. She lives close to one of the possible sites and she is concerned about the noise, health issues, abundance of water use / contamination, electrical usage, electrical costs. Concerned about radiation from power lines. Concerned about the water which we wash in, drink, etc. Concerned about drop in property value, increased taxes, and other issues which will become a financial burden. She wants to better understand 425 and annexation. She hopes that the Vevay Township Planning Commission will make an ordinance which is very strict for the possibility of a Data Center.

She questioned if a 70 foot tall building in the flight path for Jewett airport would be considered. The Planning Commission assured her this would be taken into consideration and reviewed by the FAA.

- B. Vevay Resident (since January 1973) expressed her disappointment in feeling betrayed by the city of Mason not following their Master Plan or listening to the people's concerns. She wants to see Vevay Township remain quaint.
- C. John Lazet talked about the due diligence the Planning Commission uses when creating or changing an ordinance.

VI. Reports & Public Notice

- A. December 2025 Building Report
- B. December 2025 Code Enforcement Report
- C. 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report
McNeilly MOTIONED that the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report be accepted as presented. Pinkerton SECONDED. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. Board of Trustees Draft Minutes 12-10-2025

Reports presented for information only to the Planning Commission. All reports are on file in the Vevay Township office.

VII. Pending Business

- A. Discuss Public Comments
 - 1. Chair Ross and others Commissioners assured the public in attendance that the commission would study data centers and work toward creating an ordinance which would protect our residents.
 - 2. John Lazet explained what a 425 agreement was and how the latest one worked between Vevay Township and Mason (for Meijer and Gestamp).
 - 3. McNeilly MOTIONED to make a recommendation to the board of trustees that they draft a resolution for a moratorium on accepting data center applications through December 31, 2026, to allow time for our ten year review and revision of the Master Plan to be completed and an ordinance to be developed. VanDeventer SECONDED. Motion carried 6-0.
 - a. John Lazet has been following the meetings in Mason and the comments from the public. He asked that the Planning Commissioners begin to collect questions so that public concerns can be addressed.
- B. Master Plan Updates
 - 1. The zoning district descriptions need to be updated in the Master Plan to match the descriptions in the ordinances.
 - 2. Reviewed questions and list of needs from Cindy and delegated actions to Commissioners:
 - a. Cindy needs a list of property that do not pay taxes as well as the PA116 properties. Pattie will get this to Cindy.
 - b. Gigi will call Ingham County to request the amount of property in Vevay Township which are in Farm Preservation and Wetland Preservation programs.

- c. Pattie will ask Mary to get Cindy a timeline (past, present, future) for the park plan
- d. Discussion about if the Jewett Road Mixed Use area on the Future Land Use Map should be extended to the south to Tomlinson Road.

- C. Zoning Ordinance enforcement issues
- D. Various Parcel Updates

VIII. Any Other Business

IX. Additional Public Comment

A. Vevay Township resident asked if neighbors would be notified if Future Land Use map would be changed. Clarification was given about the exact area in question and that once the Master Plan update is completed, there will be a public hearing to receive feedback from the public.

X. Adjournment

MOTION by Anderson, SECONDED by Pinkerton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM.


Ginette Anderson, Secretary

