VEVAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Vevay Township Hall – 517-676-9523

MINUTES

Members Present: Supervisor John Lazet, Clerk Tracy Ayres, Treasurer Christopher Lewis, Trustee Patricia McNeilly, Trustee Nate Ross
Members Excused: None
Others Present: R. Kerr, P. and G. Lind

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lazet at 6:30 p.m. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Excused Member: Clerk Ayres called the roll and a quorum was present.

Set/Amend Agenda
Supervisor Lazet requested Audit Report be moved to the top of the agenda.

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: Lewis, Ross, McNeilly, Ayres & Lazet**
Nays: None **Absent: None**

Annual Audit Report by Gabridge & Company
Alyssa Horner, Auditor of Gabridge & Company, gave the 2026 annual report summary of the 2025 township audit. Ms. Horner reported that there were no significant findings and the fund balance was what the auditors expected to see for a township the size of Vevay. The township is in good financial condition with the balance being neither too high nor too low. The board thanked her for her report and she left the meeting.

Consent Agenda - (Items listed are considered routine business and will be enacted in one motion unless removed by motion for discussion.)

- Board of Trustees Minutes July 15, 2026
- Financial Reports – July 2026:
  1) Balance Sheet
  2) Revenue & Expense Report
  3) DDA & Tax Disbursement Reports
  4) Cash & Investment Account Summary July 2026
- Planning Commission Minutes July 8, 2026
- Recreation Commission Regular Minutes June 4, and June 11, 2026
- Building Report July 2026
- Correspondence from:
  1) Mason Fire Department Report – No report
  2) IC Sheriff Office Reports – No report
  3) Notice of Day of Review Drain Commission
  4) Consumers Energy MPSC Hearing Notices U-21607

Supervisor Lazet reported attending the Day of Review with the Drain Commission and advocating for lowering the Vevay Township drain payments.

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: Ross, McNeilly, Ayres, Lazet & Lewis**
Nays: None Absent: None

Public Comment
Public Comment was received from several community members.

Old Business:
No old business.

New Business:
Resolution 2026-08 Resolution for Restatement of the Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
Trustee McNeilly gave an update on the work the planning commission has been doing on the BESS ordinance. She reported they are close to the end of the process and will need to hold a public hearing. She stated the current moratorium expires October 8, 2026, and she is hopeful they will have a draft ordinance for review by September. The planning commission does not want to run short and should be done by the end of the year. They are asking for an additional 120 days to work on the ordinance.

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Ayres, to adopt Resolution 2026-08 Resolution for Restatement of the Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) extending moratorium for 120 days, as presented.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: McNeilly, Ayres, Lazet, Lewis & Ross**
Nays: None Absent: None

Appointment of Trustee to ZBA
Motion Lazet, seconded Lewis, to appoint Nate Ross as member to Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 12, 2026.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: Ayres, Lazet, Lewis, Ross, McNeilly**
Nays: None Absent: None

Supervisor Reports:
Various Parcels Update
Supervisor Lazet reported all items have been submitted for the solar farm project to receive certification from the MPSC. Approval is expected by October 1, 2026. They will then have to submit a building permit to the township.

Clerk Reports:
Accounts Payable Disbursement Authorization
Clerk Ayres gave the report on the monthly invoices and payroll.

MOTION Ayres, seconded Lewis, to approve the Disbursement Authorization Report for July 16, 2026, thru August 12, 2026, for General Fund Checks #33693 – 33714, Direct Deposits 960 – 990, EFT's 833 – 836, MERS E13 for a total of $86,532.54.

Election Update
Clerk Ayres reported the election results for August 4, 2026, Primary Election.

Treasurer Reports:
Treasurer Lewis gave a brief review of graphs for GF Financial Report, 2026-27 Summer Tax Collection by Month, Summer Tax Collection by Year and Revenue Sharing – Sales Tax.

Trustee Report:
Planning Commission
Trustee McNeilly reported planning commission worked on Battery Energy Storage System language and the 10 year master plan update. They are trying to identify areas for development for the future. They also approved amendments to Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 8 and 9, Indoor and Outdoor Facilities.

Recreation Commission
Trustee McNeilly reported Recreation Commission met to discuss the restroom. Construction is expected to begin this fall. They are now working on the bid process. She also, reported a DALMAC grant paid for a bike repair station and a bike rack.

Any Other Business
Clerk Ayres Received a letter and FOIA request for all communications from staff that lead to data center moratorium decision made at the February 11, 2026 board meeting.

Officer Everidge introduced himself as the new township liaison officer from Ingham County Sheriff's office.

Additional Public Comment
Additional public comment received from concerned citizens.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk