

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 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

Members Excused: Trustee Richard Lacasse

Others Present: P. Lind, J. Jenkins

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

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lazet, Ayres, Lewis, & McNeilly

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

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

- Board of Trustees Reg. Mtg. Minutes 4-8-26 *approve & file
- Financial Reports – May 2026:
 - 1) Balance Sheet
 - 2) Revenue & Expense Report
 - 3) DDA & Tax Disbursement Reports *receive & file
- Planning Commission Regular Minutes 4-1-2026 and 4-15-2026 *receive & file
- Building Report April 2026 *file
- Correspondence from:
 - 1) Mason Fire Department April 2026 Report *file
 - 2) IC Sheriff Office Deputy Bandy - Incident Reports for March & April 2026 *file
 - 3) Consumers Energy Notice of Hearing Case No. U-121593

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ayres, Lewis, McNeilly, & Lazet

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

Public Comment

No public comment.

Old Business:

Fire Runs

Fire runs tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

Outdoor Assembly Permit Steam Engine Show 2026

Treasurer Lewis stated the permit fee of \$250 is being charged to the steam engine club while there are similar gatherings in the township where the fee is waived. The steam engine club does have non-profit status. He recommends the board consider waiving the fee.

MOTION Lazet, seconded McNeilly, to grant the Michigan Steam Engine & Threshers Club an Outdoor Assembly Permit for the annual event on July 30 through August 1, 2026, contingent upon receipt of the remaining required documents and fee waiver.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lewis, McNeilly, Lazet & Ayres

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

Outdoor Assembly Permit EAA Chapter 55

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to grant the EAA Chapter 55 and Outdoor Assembly Permit #25-02 for Mason Aviation Day on August 15, 2026, and to waive the \$250 application fee and bond requirement contingent upon receipt of all required documents.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McNeilly, Lazet, Ayres & Lewis

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

Public Safety Revenue Sharing

Treasurer Lewis reported receiving \$9,932 for public safety revenue sharing. He will be talking to our law enforcement partners to see how that money can best be used for the township.

Pavilion Roof

Supervisor Lazet reported the pavilion roof will be repaired.

Acceptance of DALMAC Fund Inc. Grant Award

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Ayres, to approve acceptance of the \$4,000 DALMAC Fund Inc. grant of the installation of a bike fix-it station and a bike parking rack, and to authorize Supervisor Lazet to execute all necessary grant documentation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McNeilly, Lazet, Ayres, & Lewis

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

Authorization Requests:

Accounts Payable Disbursement Authorization Report

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to approve the Disbursement Authorization Report for April 9, 2026, thru May 13, 2026, for General Fund Checks #33593 – 33622, Direct Deposits 860 – 899, EFT's 817 – 823, MERS E10 for a total of \$124,644.74.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lazet, Ayres, Lewis, & McNeilly

Nays: None

Absent: Lacasse

Receivables of \$2,200 for 2024 to Bad Debt Expense

MOTION Lewis, seconded Lazet, to remove for financial reporting purposes miscellaneous receivable invoices #669, #670, #685, #689, and #699 for a total of \$2,200.00 to be charged to Bad Debt Expense (GL #101-101-955.000).

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ayres, Lewis, McNeilly, & Lazet
Nays: None **Absent:** Lacasse

Supervisor Reports:

Various Parcels Update

Supervisor Lazet reported Verizon has been reaching out to land owners for cell tower use. The township has SLU process in place for all towers. He is anticipating an application for a cell tower to be submitted.

Supervisor Lazet reported receiving a request to include an ordinance provision for outdoor recreation facilities.

Solar

Supervisor Lazet reported he is anticipating a battery energy storage system (BESS) application for the township to go before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for consideration.

Supervisor Lazet reported the MPSC has accepted input from the township regarding solar field application.

Clerk Reports:

Election Update

Clerk Ayres reported election results for May 5, 2026, election. Ingham Intermediate School District (IISD) proposal passed over all county wide. Vevay Township voted no on the proposal.

Audit Update

Clerk Ayres reported uploading all requested documents to auditors ahead of the May 18, 2026, deadline. Treasurer Lewis stated purpose of audit conducted by outside independent auditing firm is to make sure internal controls are in place and all accounts are in balance. Clerk Ayres stated an audit is required every three years but Vevay Township requests one every year.

Treasurer Reports:

Treasurer Lewis reported the passing of IISD proposal for recent election will raise taxes .55 mils. Treasurer Lewis explained the township receives constitutional revenue sharing. It is 15% of the 4% sales tax. 2% of sales tax goes to schools. The governor has eliminated sales tax on gas. To make up for the deficit, the township has received a \$9,900 public safety fund, as previously discussed. We do not have a police department so we will see how the money can best be used.

General Fund Financial Graph

Treasurer Lewis gave a brief explanation and shared the monthly General Fund Financial Graph.

Year to Date Revenue vs. Expenditure

Treasurer Lewis shared graph of the year-to-date revenues vs expenditures.

Trustee Report:

Planning Commission

Trustee McNeilly reported that the Vevay Township Planning Commission met last week and worked on master plan. She mentioned HB557 requires township to address affordable housing and shortages. The planning consultant will assist with language for the issue. The commission also discussed noise abatement for data centers. The discussion will continue at next meeting. The commission also discussed wedding barns and the consensus was that wedding barns fit best in business district due to noise and traffic.

Recreation Commission

Trustee McNeilly reported that the Vevay Township Recreation Commission met with landscape architect for bid on outdoor restroom. The Vevay Township Downtown District Authority was gracious in adding funds to grant funds for construction. Construction should take place late summer through late fall. She also reported Vevay Grant Writer, Mary Ruttan got the highest score possible on last grant application.

Any Other Business

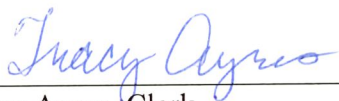
No other business.

Additional Public Comment

Several residents wished Supervisor Lazet a happy birthday and presented him with a cake.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Tracy Ayres, Clerk