VEVAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 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 Nathaniel Ross
Members Excused: None
Others Present: C. & J. Leodler, M. Ruttan and one other

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 presented.

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

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 August 12, 2026
- Financial Reports – August 2026:
  1) Balance Sheet
  2) Revenue & Expense Report
  3) DDA & Tax Disbursement Reports
  4) Cash & Investment Account Summary August 2026
- Planning Commission Minutes August 5, 2026
- Recreation Commission Minutes - Cancelled
- Building Report July 2026
- Correspondence from:
  1) Mason Fire Department Report – August 2026
  2) IC Sheriff Office Incident Reports
  3) Notice of Day of Review Drain Commission
  4) Consumers Energy MPSC Hearing Notices U-21607

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

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

Public Comment
No public comment.

Old Business:
No old business.

New Business:
25-26 Audit Report Approval

MOTION Lewis, seconded Ayres, to approve audit report as present at board of trustees meeting of August 12, 2026.

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

Public Safety Funds

MOTION Ayres, seconded McNeilly, to authorize a 2026-27 budget adjustment to add $9,932.00 to revenue GL#101-000-543.001 and expense GL#101-302-202 Public Safety to County, to pay Public Safety Grant funds to Ingham County Sheriff's Department.

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

Recreation Master Plan Update Proposal – Spalding DeDecker
Mary Ruttan, Recreation Commissioner, reported on the proposal to update the Vevay Township Recreation Master Plan. She stated the update was required to qualify for grants, especially matching grants. Spalding Dedecker did the previous Recreation Master Plan. They have been asked for a bid to prepare a new updated plan. Trustee McNeilly introduced Mary as the township grant writer and thanked her for writing grants that have brought $1.8 million grant dollars back to the township so far.

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Ayres, to authorize payment of $15,900 for Recreation Master Plan Update Proposal from Spalding Dedecker from GL#101-751-818.002 and authorize Supervisor Lazet to sign proposal.

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

Easement Revision $750
Mary Ruttan explained what the map was for and why it was necessary for extending the trail.

MOTION Ayres, seconded McNeilly, to authorize $750 budget adjustment for Wolverine Engineering easement map to GL# 101-751-818.004 from GL#101-751-818.002.

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

Passport Recreation Grant Bid Acceptance and Authorization to sign

Supervisor Lazet reported receiving bids from construction companies Laux ($283,404) and Moore Trosper ($254,999). Supervisor recommended Moore Trosper because they came in closer to the budgeted amount. Site work will start this fall. The bathroom will take six months from date of order to arrive.

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Ross, to authorize Recreation Grant Bid from Moore Trosper in the amount of $254,999.00 from GL# 101-751-818.002 and authorize Supervisor Lazet to sign proposal.

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

Appointments

Trustee McNeilly reported Mike Raab was a good fit as he has been a long time township resident and Supervisor Lazet stated Jim Minster was previously on the Planning Commission.

MOTION Lazet, seconded McNeilly, to approve Mike Raab and Jim Minster to be appointed to the Planning Commission effective September 9, 2026.

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

Supervisor Reports:

Solar Farm

Supervisor Lazet reported the Michigan Public Service Commission will oversee installation of the solar field facility. Certification has been granted. The developer is required to send quarterly and annual reports to the State of Michigan and we will be copied on those reports.

Supervisor reported attending the day of review at the Ingham County Drain Commission. One of the township's drain at large charges increased by $14,000 this year after a $23,000 increase last year.

Clerk Reports:

Accounts Payable Disbursement Authorization

Clerk Ayres gave the report on the monthly invoices and payroll.

MOTION Ayres, seconded McNeilly, to approve the Disbursement Authorization Report for August 13, 2026 through September 9, 2026, for General Fund Checks #33715 – 33752, Direct Deposits 991 – 1017, EFT's 837 – 842, MERS E14 for a total of $60,891.10.

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

Election Update

Clerk Ayres reported election preparations have begun for the November 3, 2026, general election. Ballots should be received and be available by September 19, 2026. Early voting will begin October 24, 2026. Absentee ballots will begin to be processed on November 2, 2026, and be completed on election day, November 3rd.

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

Trustee Report:
Planning Commission
Trustee McNeilly reported progress is being made on the Battery Energy Storage System. There will be a special meeting on September 16 to continue this work. A public hearing will be held at the next planning commission meeting for the recreation ordinance amendment. She reported the planning commission may need an extension on the data center moratorium to finish the language.

Any Other Business
No other business.

Additional Public Comment
Mary Ruttan thanked the trustees for support of the recreation projects.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk