

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 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 Richard Lacasse & Trustee Patricia McNeilly

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Many Community Members

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

Treasurer Lewis requested the Cash and Investment Report be stricken from the agenda.

MOTION Chris, seconded Lacasse, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lazet, Ayres, Lewis, Lacasse & McNeilly

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 Reg. Mtg. Minutes May 13, 2026 *approve & file
- Financial Reports – June 2026:
 - 1) Balance Sheet
 - 2) Revenue & Expense Report
 - 3) DDA & Tax Disbursement Reports *receive & file
- Planning Commission Regular Minutes May 6, 2026 *receive & file
- Recreation Commission Regular Minutes May 12, 2026
- Building Report May 2026 *file
- Correspondence from:
 - 1) Mason Fire Department 2026 Report *file
 - 2) IC Sheriff Office Deputy Bandy - Incident Reports May 2026 *file

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ayres, Lewis, Lacasse, McNeilly, & Lazet

Nays: None

Absent: None

Supervisor Lazet moved Intergovernmental Conditional Transfer of Property by Contract or Annexation discussion to the top of agenda.

Treasurer Lewis thanked all who sent emails and came to share comments with the board of trustees. Treasurer Lewis read a statement listing property boundaries. He stated the data center project is through the City of Mason. Lewis clarified if property was annexed by the city the township would receive no benefit and a 425 agreement would allow some benefits. He stated the vote in front of

the board at this meeting is not to approve a 425 agreement. He also clarified that an annexation would be processed by the state boundary commission and would delay but not be guaranteed to stop the project and the state can not grant benefits to the township.

Public Comment

Public Comment was received from many concerned community members. The majority of the comments were against a data center and a 425 agreement. A short recess was taken and when meeting resumed Treasurer Lewis responded to comment that the Open Meetings Act required the township to hold the meeting in a larger venue if audience could not fit in the room. Lewis read from Section 3 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA) PA15.263 that the township was not required to hold the meeting in a different venue. Further public comment was heard.

Treasurer Lewis thanked the community for turning out and sharing information. Trustee McNeilly stated how pleased she was to see how many Vevay Residents turned out. Supervisor Lazet replied to the comment about the law firm that represents the city also represents the township. He explained conflict walls are common and are put in place as protection for firms that represent multiple clients. Supervisor Lazet also addressed the comment of annexation and rezoning and stated it was likely the rezoning process would start immediately to accommodate the two-year waiting period.

Intergovernmental Conditional Transfer of Property by Contract or Annexation

MOTION Lewis, seconded Lacasse, to not have the Vevay Township Board enter discussions or explore a 425 agreement with the City of Mason, to conditionally transfer parcels of land in Section 6 of the township.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lewis, Lacasse, McNeilly, Lazet and Ayres

Nays: None

Absent: None

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

BESS Moratorium

A battery energy storage system (BESS) is being proposed. The Vevay Township Planning Commission is recommending a moratorium on BESS applications to prepare an ordinance for the process.

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to adopt Resolution #26-07, Temporary Moratorium on Acceptance of Applications for battery energy storage systems as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lacasse, McNeilly, Lazet, Ayres & Lewis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Authorization Requests:

Accounts Payable Disbursement Authorization Report

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly, to approve the Disbursement Authorization Report for May 14, 2026, thru June 10, 2026, for General Fund Checks #33623 – 33662, Direct Deposits 900 – 929, EFT's 824 – 828, MERS E11 for a total of \$39,830.63.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lacasse, McNeilly, Lazet, Ayres & Lewis

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION Ayres, seconded Lewis, to authorize a 2026-27 Budget adjustment from Maintenance – GL#101-751-932.000 for the amount of \$1,000 to be transferred to Per Diem – GL#101-751-705.000.

Roll Call Vote

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

Supervisor Reports:

Various Parcels Update

Supervisor Lazet commented that his presence in the audience at city council meetings was not considered to be conversations with Vevay Township.

Clerk Reports:

Election Update

Clerk Ayres reported preparations for the August 4, 20206, primary election, are ongoing and ballots will be sent next week. Staffing preparations are also underway for nine days early voting beginning July 25, 2026.

Treasurer Reports:

General Fund Financial Graph

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

Trustee Report:

Planning Commission

Trustee McNeilly reported planning commission is preparing for a public hearing on the ordinance for data centers. She also reported that township master plan is being prepared with the planning consultant. In July, the planning commission will be discussing the outdoor recreation facility.

Recreation Commission

Trustee McNeilly reported plans have been received from the consultant for the outdoor restroom. The facility is being funded by Passport grant that comes from Michigan residents purchase of license plate sticker for park entry. Recreation Commission is hoping to have restroom construction begin in the fall.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Additional Public Comment

Additional public comment received from concerned citizens and many thanks to the board for voting to not enter negotiations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Tracy Ayres, Clerk

