VEVAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Vevay Township Hall – 517-676-9523

MINUTES

Members Present:

Supervisor John Lazet, Clerk JoAnne Kean, Treasurer Christopher Lewis,

Trustee Richard Lacasse, and Trustee Patricia McNeilly

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Deputy Clerk Mary Ruttan

Others Present:

None

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

Roll Call/Excuse Absent Member. Roll call was taken, and all members were present.

Set/Amend Agenda.

Deletions: Hall Rental Policy Revisions

Additions: Authorization Request to Purchase a New Vacuum Sweeper

MOTION Kean, seconded Lacasse, to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Recess to Public Hearing.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Kean, to open the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Property Tax Millage Rate and Presentation of the 2024-2025 Budget at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

<u>2024-2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.</u> The 2024-25 Vevay Township millage rate is 0.9901 instead of 1 mill due to the Headlee Rollback. The Headlee Rollback requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when the annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation.

Presentation of 2024-2025 Budget. The budget was presented by Supervisor Lazet.

Public Comment. None.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lewis, to close the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Property Tax Millage Rate and Presentation of the 2024-2025 at 6:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, Kean, & McNeilly

Nays: None

Consent Agenda.

Recommendations are preceded by an asterisk (*).

- Minutes for the Regular Mtg. on 2-14-24. *approved & filed
- Financial Reports February 2024: 1) Cash & Investment Account Summary 2) Balance Sheets, 3) Revenue & Expenditure Reports, and 4) DDA & Tax Disbursement Reports. *received & filed
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 2-7-24. *filed
- Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 2-8-24. *filed
- Building Report February 2024. *filed
- Code Enforcement Report February 2024. *filed
- Correspondence from:

Mason Fire Department February 2024 Report. *filed IC Sheriff Office. Sgt. Newton Incident Report for February 2024. *filed MERS Quarter Ending & Year Ending 12/31/23 Net Position. *filed Ingham County Fair 170th Anniversary Donation Request. *filed

MOTION Kean, seconded McNeilly, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kean, McNeilly, Lacasse, Lewis & Lazet

Nays: None

Items Removed from Consent Agenda - Discussion. None.

Public Comment. None.

Old Business. None.

New Business:

<u>Commercial Kennels Zoning Ordinance Amendment #68.56.</u> The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on March 6, 2024, on the amendment changes. Supervisor Lazet and Trustee McNeilly provided a review of the changes to Chapter 2, Section 2.12 and Chapter 16, Section, 16.06 (I) of Ordinance NO. 68. Discussion followed on the need for an insurance bond to mitigate liability risk.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lacasse, to extend the moratorium on Special Land Use Permits for Commercial Kennels pursuant to Section 16.06(I) until July 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote Aves: Lazet, Lewis, Lacasse, McNeilly, & Kean

Nays: None

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lacasse, to remand the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.12 and 16.06(I) to the Planning Commission adding a provision requiring compensation against adverse action towards Township of Vevay, its residents and clientele of the kennels.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lewis Lazet, Kean, McNeilly, & Lacasse

Nays: None

<u>2024-25 Fiscal Year Budget.</u> Several adjustments to the budget were suggested including clerical services, Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector and Cleaning Services compensations.

<u>Board Appointments.</u> The Board expressed appreciation to these individuals for their service to the Township.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Kean, to re-appoint the following:

Gary Howe DDA 4-Year Term 4/5/24 to 4/5/28
John Fischer DDA 4-Year Term 4/5/24 to 4/5/28
Nathaniel Ross Planning Commission 3-Year Term 5/17/24 to 5/17/27
Daniel Pinkerton Planning Commission 3-Year Term 5/17/24 to 5/17/27

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Supreme Sanitation Portable Toilet Service for 2024.

MOTION Kean, seconded McNeilly, to authorize the rental of the portable toilet service at the rate of \$90 per month from Supreme Sanitation, to be charged to *TwnhllGroundsRepair & Main(outside)* (GL #101-265-932.000).

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kean, McNeilly, Lacasse, Lewis, & Lazet

Nays: None

Re-establishment of Vevay Township Facebook Page. Treasurer Lewis reviewed the estimate from Digital Impact to re-design and implement the use of Facebook as a communication tool to our residents.

MOTION Lewis, seconded McNeilly to authorize the expense and payment up to \$2,500 to Digital Impact for the re-design and implementation of our Facebook page, and transfer \$1,500 from Utilities (GL #101-265-920.000) and \$1,000 from Central Office Supplies (101-210-728.00) to Computer Services (GL 101-101-802.000) to be set up as a payable for fiscal year 3/31/24 and paid when service has been completed.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: McNeilly, Kean, Lazet, Lewis, & Lacasse

Nays: None

<u>Digitizing of Zoning Ordinance.</u> Treasurer Lewis reviewed each of the proposals from Giffels Webster/Clearzoning and CivicPlus/Municode highlighting the differences in cost and services. It was a consensus of the Board that a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees be held for a formal presentation from each company.

Accounts Payable Disbursement Authorization. Clerk Kean reviewed the Disbursement Authorization Report highlighting several invoices and announcing a transfer authority was completed.

MOTION Kean, seconded McNeilly, to approve the Disbursement Authorization Report from February 15, 2024, to March 13, 2024, for General Fund Checks #32812-32840, Direct Deposits DD148-DD173 and EFT's 665-669 for a total of \$48,414.76.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: McNeilly, Kean, Lazet, Lewis & Lacasse

Nays: None

Trustee McNeilly Reports:

<u>Planning Commission.</u> The amendment changes to the Commercial Kennel ordinance were previously discussed. The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing at their April Meeting on the proposed changes to the Home Occupation Ordinance.

Recreation Commission: The Recreation Commission approved the final development plan for the renovation of Phase I of the park. Construction should begin in July or August. Supervisor Lazet presented the easement agreement between Vevay Township and Greif Packaging, LLC. The easement is for a ten-foot strip immediately to the west of the Township's west lot line. The easement prevents the expensive necessity of moving the baseball diamond to accommodate the required 10-foot-wide walking pathway.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lewis, to approve the easement agreement between GREIF Packaging LLC and the Township for a ten-foot strip immediately to the west of the Township's west lot line and as indicated on the Wolverine Engineering Certificate of Survey dated 12/06/2022, job number 22-0641, to authorize the expense and payment of \$1.00 for consideration of the easement agreement to be charged to Grant Application/Compliance (GL #101-751-707.000) and further to authorize Supervisor Lazet to sign the agreement.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Lazet, Lewis, Lacasse, McNeilly, & Kean

Nays: None

<u>Supervisor Reports: Zoning Ordinance Proposed Amendments.</u> Supervisor Lazet requested input from Board Members regarding any future changes to Ordinances. The Board of Review met and had 17 informational or appeals requests. Supervisor Lazet was notified that the hall rental vacuum no longer operates.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lewis, to authorize the expense up to \$500 for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Township Hall, charged to Repair/Replace Township Infrastructure (GL #101-210-967.000).

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Clerk Report: Election Update. "We have survived!" Voter turnout was less than 30% with a total of 905 voters. Clerk Kean is preparing the request for reimbursement from the State. She will present more information on costs next month. There will be a round table discussion and debriefing including early voting at the April 10, 2024, MAMC Members Educational Meeting. Clerk Kean has already begun preparation for the August Primary Election. The Early Voting Agreements between Aurelius Township, Onondaga Township and Vevay Township will be reviewed. Clerk Kean responded to Trustee Lacasse inquirer whether there were any complaints from Aurelius or Onondaga residents need to drive to Vevay Township to Vote. Clerk Kean stated she did not receive any complaints however, three residents from Aurelius on Election Day wanted to vote at Vevay Township.

<u>Treasurer Report: General Fund Financial, Tax Collection Update & Tax Increases 2018-2023.</u> Treasurer Lewis provided a review of the monthly general fund revenue/expenditure graph and monthly tax collection comparison. Approximately 85 parcels were turned over to the County Treasurer as delinquent. Treasurer Lewis submitted his settlement to the County Treasurer on March 1, 2024.

<u>Any Other Business.</u> Clerk Kean passed out the Budget Adoption Minutes from last year as a guide for this year's Budget Adoption Meeting on March 21, 2024.

Additional Public Comment. None.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

JoAnne Kean, Clerk

Recorder Deputy Clerk Ruttan