

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES/PLANNING COMMISSION  
Special Joint Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2014  
Vevay Township Hall – 5:00 p.m.**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Gary Howe, Clerk JoAnne Kean, Treasurer Shaun Sherwood, Trustees Bruce Walker & Douglas Shaw  
**PC Members Present:** Chair Ilene Thayer, Jack Cady, Roger Cargill, John Lazet, Bruce Walker & Patricia McNeilly  
**Staff Present:** Planning Consultant Mark Eidelson, Legal Counsel David Revore, and Deputy Clerk Brett Linsley

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Howe at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adopt/Amend Agenda.** No additions or amendments were made to the agenda.

**Public Comment.** Secretary Lazet made brief comments regarding a memorial taking place to remember the November 10, 1975 sinking of the Edmond Fitzgerald in Lake Superior. The continuing tradition reminded him (Lazet) of the sense of community shared by Michigan's municipalities, particularly with regard to Vevay Township.

**Discussion of Master Plan Alternatives.**

Supervisor Howe – noted that the purpose of this meeting is to reach a consensus on how to proceed with the Master Plan, not to make a formal or legally binding motion. Because the Board's function is primarily to fund the project, official action on the part of the Board will be taken at a later date. Planning Consultant Mark Eidelson's correspondence from November 5 offers three alternative approaches and will be the focus of this meeting.

Planner Eidelson – Briefly reviewed the legal requirement for Master Plan review. He (Eidelson) provided an in-depth overview of the alternatives that are explained in detail in his November 5 correspondence. In response to questions from the Board and Planning Commission, Mr. Eidelson noted that he expects that the process of re-writing and seeking public input about the Master Plan should take between 12 to 14 months.

Board/Commission – While there may be fewer contentious issues surrounding creation of the Master Plan than were present during the writing of the first plan, there will still be substantive changes in terms of legal issues and land use issues; these will make public input especially important. It was agreed that seeking public input would not only be useful in devising a new Master Plan but also in providing informed leadership for the community. The benefits and drawbacks of the two suggested means for community inclusion in the process were discussed in detail.

Board – Discussed the various costs associated with each alternative in detail. The Board strongly agreed that any additional costs necessary to ensure the quality of the new Master Plan are worthwhile investments. While the process is a costly one, the benefits of a Master Plan outweigh the associated costs. The document is immensely valuable as a means of creating a shared vision for the future of our community. They (the Board) are willing to provide the Planning Commission with the necessary resources to ensure the plan fulfills those purposes.

Three topics were discussed that will be revisited by the Board at their December meeting:

- 1.) The issues identified by the Planning Commission described in Resolution PC #14-01 will be reviewed to ensure that no additional action by the Board will be necessary.
- 2.) Further discussion and review of financial actions that may be required.
- 3.) Discussion regarding whether the Planning Commission will remain the final approving authority of the new Master Plan.

The Board of Trustees and Planning Commission both reached unanimous consensus that the Master Plan be rewritten in accordance with new laws. It was also conceded that following Alternative B with the addition of a mailed survey as well as electronic means of requesting input was the preferred method for moving forward. The addition of a forum for the farming community was also considered necessary.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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JoAnne Kean, Clerk

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