

**EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**August 1, 2019**

Supervisor Roberts opened the regular August meeting with the pledge to the flag of our Country. Present were Supervisor Roberts, Treasurer Dolman, Trustee Bankhead Trustee Droscha, and Deputy Clerk Krizek sitting in for Clerk Cleary. Absent was Clerk Cleary.

**Trustee Bankhead moved to approve the August agenda. Supervisor Roberts supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Deputy Clerk Krizek read the synopsis of the minutes from previous month's meeting. **Trustee Droscha moved to accept the Clerk's report. Trustee Bankhead supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer Dolman presented the Treasurer's report in written form. **Trustee Droscha moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Trustee Bankhead supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Supervisor Roberts moved to pay current bills. Trustee Droscha supported. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Public Comments: Resident Allen Krizek commented he was happy to hear some steps have been completed or initiated by the Road Commission since the Township Road meeting in 2018 regarding the safety of the Stewart Island intersection, but he feels there are some additional measures that could be considered. He requested the Board members drive Island from M-50 heading north toward Stewart to see how the double stop signs are both obscured by large tree trunks. One of which he believes is on County Park property and could be removed by Parks and being walnut could possibly be sold, one on a resident's property that already appears to be dying which also makes it a possible hazard. He brought specifications of a LED-flashing stop sign available locally from Dorenbos (having seen them used in Oakland County and Battle Creek), and referenced a State crash mapping website that shows the intersection has a high frequency of accidents (link available on the Township's website.) Discussion.

Sherriff Report:

A written report of dispatch calls was received. Undersheriff Cook arrived near the end of public comment and the discussion of Stewart and Island was continued with him. Undersheriff Cook indicated there had been 5 reported crashes at that intersection in the last year (July to July), with only two recorded as with injury. Undersheriff Cook agreed it is important to improve safety at intersections and voiced that the Sheriff Department is willing to help and support the Township with this however they can. Undersheriff Cook detailed some of the calls and responses of the monthly report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### REPORTS

County Commissioner: Commissioner Droscha reported on a resident's request to Public Safety to consider an ordinance allowing ORVs to operate on the side of the road, and provided an update regarding the Radio millage implementation progress; the Fox radio tower has been deemed insufficient and so a new tower will have to be constructed. Commissioner Droscha also reported the County Treasurer is in the process of creating a County Land Bank so that properties that do not sell after tax foreclosure auctions can be remediated with Federal and State funding to help make them sellable and put back on the tax rolls.

Library: Written minutes were received. Ms. Jones reported they are still looking to hire a director and have a number of applicants including a couple of local ones. The Summer programs are winding down and the numbers indicate they have about doubled in attendance from last year.

Rural Fire: There was no meeting, but Supervisor Roberts announced the new firetruck has arrived and is the source of some excitement in the community, and has already been used a couple of times.

Center Eaton Community Center: Treasurer Dolman reports the fridge and sinks have been purchased and will be installed within the month.

Recreation: Trustee Bankhead noted the Lansing State Journal article and contacting the bonding company has motivated the contractor. The Co-Op is discussing naming the ballpark in Ron Hunt's honor.

Assessing: Supervisor Roberts reports the Board of Review met on July 16th and granted 3 veterans exemptions, 12 PREs were reestablished, and one correction made. Also the taxable value for a house on Broadway, which had a fire, was lowered since it was deemed not currently livable. Treasurer Dolman indicated the property is not current on taxes.

Airport: Supervisor Roberts reported there is a flight school, with two planes, operating out of the airport. There are some issues of a collapse in the bathroom's sewer line and the building's roof leaking. The intent is to eventually put in a peaked steel roof (less likely to leak than current flat roof), but the budget has been allocated for this year. Also they are looking into removing large trees by the Packard trailer park to meet FAA standards to allow use of the runways after dark and shared a map of the trees.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Droscha commented on being at a meeting with Tim Walburg and discussing hemp crops being lumped with marijuana crops, meaning money from the operation cannot be deposited into banks.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 PM.**

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Corin Krizek, Deputy Clerk