

Edwards Township

3601 Wickes Rd., West Branch, MI 48661
989-345-1321

Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2018 7:30 p.m.

[Call to Order] Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Ron Taylor.

[Attendance] Supervisor Ron Taylor, Clerk Dennis Stephens, Treasurer Eileen Fournier,
Trustee Dave Ross, Trustee Brent Illig

[Additions/Deletions to Agenda]

Motion: Approve Agenda as presented.

Made by: Ron Support: Dave

Motion carried by voice vote with unanimous consent.

[Announcements]

Supervisor – Supervisor Ron Taylor emphasized that his office is located at the township hall, not his home. People who wish to contact him may do so by calling 989-965-0261. Personal appointments will be taken at the hall only, not his home.

Treasurer – Treasurer Eileen Fournier announced that the township website is up and running. She gave a brief description of the capabilities. A website for Edwards Township is a stipulation of the 2013 Master Plan. The current township board has now fulfilled that requirement.

[Reports]

County Commissioner Craig Scott: Running for office again 2018; Transit renewal millage .03%;campground improvements made; signs installed on I-75 for advertising campground; new IT director; county needs a new Zoning Administrator.

[Treasurer's Report]

Presented by Treasurer Eileen Fournier

Motion: Approve Made by: Brent Support: Dave

Motion carried by voice vote with unanimous consent.

[Minutes]

Approve as amended.

Made by: Brent Support By: Dave

Motion carried by voice vote with unanimous consent.

[Monthly]

1. Hall Deposit Returns – one

Motion to return Made by: Eileen Support By: Brent

Motion carried by voice vote with unanimous consent.

2. Check Register

Motion: Pay Bills with check # 4842-4872 and 4835

Made by: Dave Support: Dennis

Motion carried by voice vote with objection by Brent.

[Business]

1. Tax Software, BS & A

Expected County Rollout 1st quarter 2019

Motion to approve future purchase to be made when timing is appropriate to coincide with County transition and to allow sufficient lead time for Eileen to be properly trained on the new system.

Estimated cost \$4,000

Made by: Brent Support By: Dennis

Roll Call to approve future tax software purchase

Supervisor	Ron Taylor	Y
Clerk	Dennis A. Stephens	Y
Treasurer	Eileen S. Fournier	Y
Trustee	David K. Ross	Y
Trustee	Brent D. Illig	Y

2. Hall Contract changes

Changes to Rules 3, 17, & 18. See Attachment.

Motion to approve changes.

Made by: Dave Support By: Brent

Roll Call – Hall Contract changes

Supervisor	Ron Taylor	Y
Clerk	Dennis A. Stephens	Y
Treasurer	Eileen S. Fournier	Y
Trustee	David K. Ross	Y
Trustee	Brent D. Illig	Y

[Budget Adjustment]

Motion to approve

Made by: Eileen Support by: Dave

1. 101-253-933.000 BS&A Tax + \$4,000

2. 101-215-704.000 Dep Clerk + \$1,860

3. 101-567-704.005 Cem Data + \$ 300

4. 101-702-850.000 ZA Phone + \$ 240

5. 101-101-801.001 Website + \$1,560

Roll Call for Budget Adjustment

Supervisor	Ron Taylor	Y
Clerk	Dennis A. Stephens	Y
Treasurer	Eileen S. Fournier	Y
Trustee	David K. Ross	Y
Trustee	Brent D. Illig	N

[Public Comment]

Dale Sheltroun asked about Roll Call vs. Voice Vote.
 Rick Stillwagon asked about township costs.
 Mike Laier & Greg Scott asked about roads.
 Andy Fournier stated many criticisms of inaccurate reporting coverage by the Ogemaw Herald in regards to Edwards Township board meetings. Andy also asked for a retraction or correction of the headline error in reporting a wage change for the Deputy Clerk but headlining the change as Deputy Treasurer; and for implying nepotism in the voting by Treasurer Eileen Fournier under the same wrong headline. He asked where the coverage was for the other townships in the county, and to either include some coverage on them, or to rename the paper as the Edwards Township Herald.

[Attendance]

County Commissioner Craig Scott
 Eric Young, Ogemaw Herald
 Bryan Stein
 Marlene Hoydic
 Dave Knepfler

[Meetings]

1. Township Board – Monday, June 11, 2018
2. Planning Commission
 Monday, July 16, 2018 7:00pm
3. MTA Local – Edwards Township
 Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

[Adjourn]

Motion to Adjourn 8:22 p.m.
 Made by: Brent Support By: Eileen
 Motion carried by voice vote, unanimous consent.

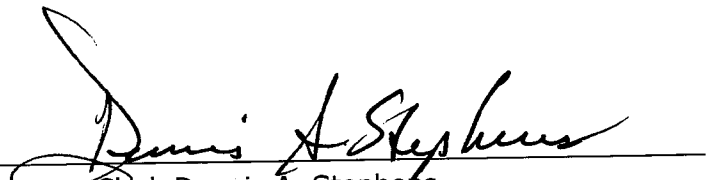
Attendance, Appointed Positions]

Linda Groth	BOR
Carl McCauley	PlanCom
Lorne Hartwig	BOR
Larry Kartes	PlanCom
Rick Stillwagon	PlanCom
Andy Fournier	ZBA
Bob Mahl	Maintenance
Yvonne Mahl	Hall Manager
Mike Laier	Sexton

Louie Winter
 Yvonne Mahl
 Dale Sheltroun
 Greg Scott
 Randy Barber

Certification


 Supervisor Ron Taylor


 Clerk Dennis A. Stephens