

*Eaton Rapids Township  
Eaton County, State of Michigan  
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Board Members:

Clerk: Diane Vogel, Supervisor: Scott Wilson, Treasurer: Janice Heck  
Trustees: Steve Benkovsky, Amanda Brown

Fire Department:

Fire Chief: Rob Herig, Asst. Fire Chief: Brad Wilbur

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025- 6:30 p.m.

1. Supervisor Scott Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:56
2. Wilson then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll-call: Wilson; present, Heck; absent, Vogel; present, Brown; absent, Benkovsky; present
4. Clerk Vogel moved to approve the meeting agenda. Support from Benkovsky. Motion carried
5. Benkovsky moved to approve the March Regular Meeting minutes. Wilson seconded. Carried
6. Sheriff's Report: Wilson presented the report. There were 84 incidents in April.
7. Fire department report: Assistant Chief Wilbur read the report; there were 82 runs in April.

**Brief public comment:** Commissioner Kieth Barber handed out a notice on electronic waste disposal.

Mayor Pam Colestock from The City of Eaton Rapids was seeking a letter of support from the Board in their efforts to resolve the issues surrounding the demolition and clean-up of the old Horner Mill Property. Vogel moved to draft such a letter. Benkovsky seconded the motion. Carried.

Colestock let us know that Northwest School, adjacent to Oakridge Park had been sold and will be made into 29 apartments.

The Eaton County Recycling trailer will now be at the amphitheater parking lot once a week, Mondays, rather than once a month.

Urban Air returns to Eaton Rapids in October with Airstream campers in town and special events.

**New Business**

1. Wilson presented bids for finishing the grading and seeding around the building and for a new culvert at the end of the driveway. After brief discussion, M.T. Bell was chosen as contractor, to do the work for \$3,700. Driveway replacement was also discussed. Benkovsky moved to hire M.T. Bell. Wilson seconded. Motion passed.
2. Supervisor Wilson also had information. about costs and specifics to have the parking lot and side drive paved.
3. Steve Benkovsky asked for support to change the park resolution regarding a grant due to the fact that the Parks Committee had decided not to pursue a vault toilet. This would make the grant app. smaller and would include picnic tables. Steve moved to amend the resolution to reflect this change. Scott supported. Scott had been in communication with missing board members and had their votes via email.

Wilson: Yes, Vogel: Yes, Benkovsky: Yes, Heck: Yes (email), Brown: Yes (email) Resolution passes unanimously.

**Board Reports:**

**Supervisor – Wilson:** Working with tech companies. Looking at a June switch.

**Treasurer – Heck:** Estimated income for FY 2025/26 - \$587.755. Cash available- \$439,656.11

**Clerk Vogel** – Diane moved to accept expenditures for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$110,785.42. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Vogel then moved to accept the total amount of bills to be paid to avoid penalty and interest, (to include payroll and the sexton in the amount of 113,500.02. Seconded by Benkovsky. Motion Carried.

Vogel reminded the board that the annual payment for employer contributions to the employee pension plan would be coming up for prior fiscal year and that monies had been budgeted for it.

**Trustee Brown:** No report

**Trustee Benkovsky:** Would like to see Tami and Diane get training for BS&A software.

**Brief Public Comment:** Diane expressed the need for some buzzer, chime or other alert on the main entrance now, as people can come in unbeknownst if she and Tami are working in files.

Was informed that when automatic door is hooked up, that will be part of it.

**Correspondence:** Clerk Vogel shared an email from Tri-County expressing their thanks for our support of their grant pursuit.

**Supervisor Wilson Adjourned the meeting at 8:16**

Respectfully submitted, Diane Vogel, Clerk

**The next Board Meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30**