

**Speaker Township**  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 January 2, 2024

Meeting at Speaker Township Hall at 7630 Brockway Road, Melvin, Michigan called to order by Maitland at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

	Maitland	Stevens	Brown	Risdon	Moss
Members Present	√	√	√	√	√

Also Present: Deputy Clerk - Shelley O'Brien, Public

Motion	Description	Made By	2 <sup>nd</sup> By	Disposition	Maitland	Stevens	Brown	Risdon	Moss
24-1-2-1	<b>Motion</b> to approve agenda	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-2	<b>Motion</b> to approve meeting minutes from 12/5/23	Risdon	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-3	<b>Motion</b> to approve treasurer's report	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-4	<b>Motion</b> to approve Clerk's Report for General Fund	Risdon	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-5	<b>Motion</b> to approve Clerk's Report for Fire Fund	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-6	<b>Motion</b> to approve the hiring of Andrew Brown pending the successful completion of background check	Risdon	Moss	MC	√	√	Abstain	√	√
24-1-2-7	Fire Report – See written report. <b>Motion</b> to accept written Fire Report from Jeff Withey	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
	Additional Fire Report from Brian Kennedy – the firefighters want to vote for who they want for Fire Chief. Brown mentioned								

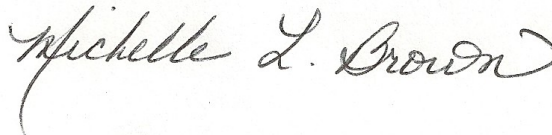
	concern that our insurance company would not like it if it is handled that way. Should be posted, followed by interviews. Maitland said that they can vote while the board will continue to research the legality of it.								
24-1-2-8	Planning Report – Oral Report PC had a request from 2 members for a special meeting to be held tomorrow night at 7pm. 2 items will be on the agenda: moratorium and by-laws. Next week's regular meeting at 7pm will have officer's election at that meeting and other items. <b>Motion</b> to approve the oral planning report.	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-9	Zoning Report – See written report <b>Motion</b> to approve the zoning report.	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-10	<b>Motion</b> to accept Trevor Stone's resignation from 11/8/2023	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
	Public Comment 1. Request for transparency 2. Township bylaws trump the planning commission bylaws, please put it on the Board's agenda to repair. We need to have our bylaws in the ordinance so they match. 3. Request for minutes and financial reports to be shared 4. Possibly need a forensic audit to draw a line in the sand between the 2 boards, need to update for ADA, MTA red book is helpful, we may need a gravel pit ordinance and a battery storage ordinance. Dave Hicks offers help on all of the above if desired.								
24-1-2-11	<b>Motion</b> to accept the planning report from 11/8/2023	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				

	Board has been seeking and received information to address the public request for investigation into ADA updates								
24-1-2-12	<b>Motion</b> to schedule these dates for our meeting for the upcoming year: 2024 Meeting Dates (2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/7, 9/3, 10/1, 11/6, 12/3) Budget Meeting – 3/26	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-1-2-13	Discussion regarding conflict with some of the PC members going to Garner instead of going to Homier over the moratorium. List from Risdon of concerns over past issues including: In 3/23 said there were only 2 mistakes in the ordinance, but newspaper listed 12; makes incorrect public hearing notices; talks in circles; doesn't give clear direction when asked how something should be done; when he makes mistakes does he list his services as no charge; what if he gives bad or unsound advice to the township; failed to answer the non-participating residents lawsuit. Maitland, Garner has not led us astray, Question of if we can separate their duties to the mundane for Garner and the rest of the work to Homier. Moss stated he had no confidence in Garner. <b>Motion</b> to terminate Garner's service as township attorney. Roll call vote	Risdon	Moss	MC	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
24-1-2-14	<b>Motion</b> to add Christine Risdon (Deputy Treasurer to all financial accounts at all institutions	Stevens	Moss	MC	√	√	√	Abstain	√
24-1-2-15	<b>Motion</b> to accept the resignation of Jeff Withey as Speaker Township Acting Fire Chief	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				

	<p>Board Comments</p> <p>1. Maitland - regarding ordinances, he guesses that it is the conflict of interest, it is an administrative ordinance so it does not need to go through the special land use change, he's right it does supersede the ordinance, we need to look into the conflict of interest ordinance. We are bound by state law (open meetings act) so we don't have by-laws. Can be on the agenda next time.</p> <p>2. Maitland – we will try to have minutes available at the next meeting</p> <p>3. Brown – clarification on forensic audit, public mentioned that it might be mixed with our regular audit this year</p> <p>4. Moss – public should refrain from personal attacks during Public Comment</p>				
24-1-2-16	Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous

MC - Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle L Brown  
Speaker Township Clerk

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Checking

Tri-County Bank

Fire Truck Fund 0435	\$ 85,332.70
Operating Fund 0242	\$ 33,436.36
Liberty Exp. Reimb. 3293	\$ 44,601.23
ARRPA Funds 5040	\$131,413.76

Choice One Bank

General Fund 0128	\$158,794.27
Social Security 9110	\$ 2,556.89
Tax Fund 7556	\$279,599.74

Petty Cash

Change for Tax Payers	\$ 244.12
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CD

TriCounty Bank

CD3844	\$ 51,374.59
CD 3852	\$ 51,374.59
CD 4166	\$ 51,330.86

Maturity

2/14/2014

2/14/2014

4/15/2024

*Proposed in Feb*  
Tri-County

New Rate:

5%

**Speaker Township - Fire Fund  
Account QuickReport  
As of January 2, 2024**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>0242 Fire Operating</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2023	3049	Frontier	Account 989-...	Accounts Paya...	-54.99
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	3050	Marathon	Account 7560...	Accounts Paya...	-85.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	3051	Frontier	Account 810-...	Accounts Paya...	-69.99
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	3052	Front Line Services, ...	Inv 39142, 39...	Accounts Paya...	-995.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	3053	Frontier	Account 989-...	Accounts Paya...	-124.80
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	3054	Midcom Radio Com...	Invoice 12302...	Accounts Paya...	-99.95
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	3055	Wex Bank	Invoice 93920...	Accounts Paya...	-208.29
Total 0242 Fire Operating						-1,638.02
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-1,638.02</b>

## Speaker Township - General Fund Account QuickReport As of January 2, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>Checking Account - 128</b>						
Bill Pmt -Check	12/07/2023	12744	DTE Energy	Account 9100...	Accounts Paya...	-227.12
Bill Pmt -Check	12/07/2023	12745	Michigan Township ...	Order #264590	Accounts Paya...	-750.00
Paycheck	12/12/2023	12746	Brown, Michelle L		-SPLIT-	-806.57
Paycheck	12/12/2023	12748	Maitland, William J		-SPLIT-	-565.66
Paycheck	12/12/2023	12747	Baumeister, Shelly M		-SPLIT-	-1,017.96
Paycheck	12/12/2023	12749	Sproul, Bonnie J		-SPLIT-	-441.50
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	12752	DTE Energy	Account 9100...	Accounts Paya...	-309.52
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	12753	Kenneth Kaliski	Invoice 51802	Accounts Paya...	-7,791.88
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	12754	Sanilac County Trea...	2023 Drain As...	Accounts Paya...	-13,454.20
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	12755	Taylor Butterfield, P. C.	Account 18419	Accounts Paya...	-6,837.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/14/2023	12756	View Newspaper Gr...	Invoice 347907	Accounts Paya...	-612.60
Paycheck	12/21/2023	12757	O'Brien, Shelley M		-SPLIT-	-466.89
Paycheck	12/21/2023	12758	Risdon, Christine		-SPLIT-	-152.31
Paycheck	12/21/2023	12759	Stevens, Rochelle		-SPLIT-	-540.36
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12760	Bill McLarty	Reimburseme...	Accounts Paya...	-316.20
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12761	DTE Energy	Account Num...	Accounts Paya...	-558.82
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12762	Frontier	Account Num...	Accounts Paya...	-119.94
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12763	MTA-Sanilac County...	Speaker Tow...	Accounts Paya...	-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12764	Quadrant	Account Num...	Accounts Paya...	-739.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/21/2023	12765	Sanilac County Clerk	Invoice for No...	Accounts Paya...	-1,026.12
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12766	Baumeister, Shelly M		-SPLIT-	-788.77
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12767	Brown, Michelle L		-SPLIT-	-519.58
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12768	Maitland, William J		-SPLIT-	-571.67
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12769	McLarty, William J		-SPLIT-	-44.14
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12770	O'Brien, Shelley M		-SPLIT-	-235.10
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12771	Sproul, Bonnie J		-SPLIT-	-441.50
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12776	Stevens, Rochelle		-SPLIT-	-800.46
Paycheck	01/02/2024	12777	Risdon, Christine		-SPLIT-	-86.09
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	12778	Choice One Bank	Sate Deposit ...	Accounts Paya...	-25.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	12779	GFL Environmental	Account Nu...	Accounts Paya...	-99.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	12780	King & King CPAs L...	Invoice 148912	Accounts Paya...	-400.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/02/2024	12781	Semco Energy	Account 0228...	Accounts Paya...	-266.86
Total Checking Account - 128						-41,031.82
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-41,031.82</b>