

**Speaker Township**  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 March 5, 2024

Meeting at Speaker Township Hall at 7630 Brockway Road, Melvin, Michigan called to order by Maitland at 7:02 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
24-3-5-1	<b>Motion</b> to approve meeting agenda	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-2	<b>Motion</b> to approve meeting minutes from 2/6/24	Stevens	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-3	<b>Motion</b> to approve meeting minutes from 2/28/24	Risdon	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-4	Treasurer's Report Will call other banks to find rates for CD due in April. Will have options at next meeting. Working on settling with County for disbursements. 7% of winter, 6% summer taxes not collected.  <b>Motion</b> to approve Treasurer's report	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-5	<b>Motion</b> to approve February Township bills	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-6	<b>Motion</b> to approve February Fire Dept bills	Stevens	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				

	Will discuss with Sam and fire department to determine whether Old's Electric bill should come out of General fund, and whether the payment to Sam was actually in the marathon bill already								
24-3-5-7	<b>Motion</b> to approve payroll	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
	<p>Fire Report  3 runs this previous month (1 Accident, 1 standby called off, 1 false alarm)  Training this month on run reports  Rough quotes on the following:  Oil change needed cost is \$2000-2500 (all 5 trucks)  Air systems on big trucks, frontline has to come in to look at them, does not know what cost will be.  Compressor agreement with Brown City, recommending to donate \$500. These costs will be provided at the next meeting.  We need water softener salt. Advised to pick up and we will reimburse. Will add fire chief to account at Yale Hardware.  Missed a FEMA grant for equipment and apparatus. Will be kept up on in the future.  <b>Motion</b> for fire department to purchase water softener salt and they will be reimbursed.  Need to order 2 helmets \$300-500.</p>	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-8	<b>Motion</b> to make the purchase of the 2 helmets with a cap of \$1000	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
	Planning Report – Andrew Schuster Held a special meeting last Thursday,								

	<p>primarily talked about upcoming ordinance changes. Next meeting scheduled 3/21 7:00pm. Discussion about how it will be handled going forward. Feedback from the board will be welcomed.</p>							
	<p>Zoning Report (written report and oral)          Questioned about Fremont Rd issue, working with lawyer          Sewage issue on Melvin Rd – same place as previous complaint. Animal control fined them. This is in the Health Dept's hands now.          Sheridan Line – have not heard back from first letter, then will send 2<sup>nd</sup> letter. If no response, then the board will set a hearing for them to come present their case.</p> <p>Gregory Williams spoke regarding the burned down mobile home. Contacted Serv-pro about getting rid of the mobile home Gregory Williams.</p>							
	<p><b>Public Comment</b>          Bonnie – received application to a ground mount solar residential installation. Going back to the planning commission meeting. Received 14 pages of what is going in. She needs clarification on how this should be handled. Is this special land use? Bill and Ken Dambacher will meet with Bonnie to go over this.</p> <p>Gerald - Marijuana house on Galbraith</p>							

<p>Line. How to crack down on them?  Caregivers are still eligible in the community. Another is advertising the house for sale and it still looks like a grow house.</p> <p>People need to use the microphone so everyone can hear.</p> <p>Dave Hicks – Cash and time – we are wasting our time putting intelligent people in the planning commission with not enough information to make good decisions. Has rekeying locks been addressed by the board? There are better services for residents to use for water contamination testing. We need to test moorings pre-tower to look at soil. He would like to know from whom he gets this information. We should still consider a forensic audit, there are grants out there for it. It would draw a line of demarcation between old and new board. Fire departments are underpaid and understaffed, but they need to make sure that all certifications are up to date. <u>Cash donation to the board for the fire department equipment to be used at their discretion for equipment.</u> How much money was put up by liberty to be paid to prior attorney. Why can't the new lawyer be paid out of these funds? Would like answers to this as soon as possible.</p> <p>John Moody - Can fire department have</p>								
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<p>a set amount that they can spend up to? Current policy is believed to be set at \$500. We need to address raising that amount. This will be addressed at a future meeting.</p> <p>There is an opening on the Recycling Center Board and the Council on Aging Board</p> <p>Davies – who called last weeks meeting – Risdon. Why was Bill not available? It was a last minute thing. How much did it cost to have that special meeting? \$300 Promised copies of the meeting minutes last week. They have been posted. Upcoming meetings will be posted on the door and online and not copied for everyone because of the cost associated with those copies.</p> <p>Did you ever consider having dumpster days in Speaker Township? Everyone in the county gets 2 free dump days in the County. Can't be household trash.</p> <p>Carolyn Fairman – clarification on fire department having the wrong part put on a fire truck. Rumors are floating around. Something on a pump that fire responded on Sheridan Line and the pump burned up. No pump burned up. No wrong part put on a pump per Fire Department.</p>								
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>								

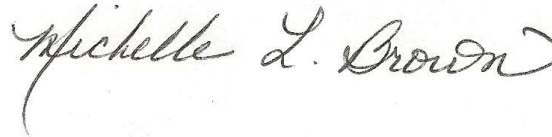
24-3-5-9	Need to look into this more closely with the fire department. <b>Motion</b> to table Resolution to create an ordinance to provide that the Speaker Township Board may establish the Speaker Township Fire Department	Brown	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>								
2024-03-05-1	Policy to allow Clerk/Treasurer to pay some bills prior to Board approval. <b>Resolution</b> to adopt the post audit policy	Maitland	Risdon	Passed	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
24-3-5-10	<b>Motion</b> to approve the Resolution Speaker Township Assessing Office Policy and Procedures for Taxpayer Accessibility to Assessor's Office and Public Inspection and Copying of Assessing Records	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
2024-03-05-2	<b>Motion</b> to adopt <b>Resolution</b> to set an Alternate Date of March 12, 2024 for the March Board of Review First Taxpayer Appeal Meeting	Maitland	Moss	Passed	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE
24-3-5-11	No changes to last year's contract. <b>Motion</b> to accept the Assessor Contract 24-25	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-12	This computer will be available for others to use with separate accounts  <b>Motion</b> to Purchase the items on the VC3 Quote for a computer for assessor and uninterruptible power source for the server.	Stevens	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-13	<b>Motion</b> to accept the Farmland Development Rights Application PA116	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				

	for Cowley								
	Receive the food service establishment evaluation. No violations and passed.								
	Discussion on moving mailbox to township property Currently we receive mail at the PO Box. We need to look into having at the hall instead of at the road.								
	Question: this is just a standard we need to motion or does he need to be here to accept? This is just a procedural thing to handle. <b>Motion</b> to reappoint Wayne Smith to the Planning Commission	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
	Discussion on receiving quotes for lawn care and parking lot plowing/salting. We have received one quote from Mclver (the same as last year). Need to seek at least 2 more by next meeting by Fred Moss.								
	Discussion on request to change locks on Treasurer/Clerk's office door and combination to the safe changed. <b>Motion</b> to change the locks on the Clerk/Treasurer's and Supervisor's doors to non-duplicatable keys, repair the locks to the meeting hall as soon as possible, and receive quotes to rekey the exterior doors and change the combination to the safe by the next meeting.	Brown	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-3-5-14	Respond to request for the church that rents our hall every week to put their	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				

	sign out on Friday <b>Motion</b> to allow the church to put the sign out on Friday				
	Discuss making inquiries into local legal representation to handle concerns outside of wind and solar zoning. Kyle O'Mara from Ferris Schwedler and O'Mara was referred by Peck. Their cost is \$150/hour <b>Motion</b> to look for counsel for legal representation for issues outside of renewable energy.	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous
	Board Comments Risdon – Chris Duzan, Speaker resident, gave a recommendation to hire a planner to help the planning commission. Usually a bid or a lump sum. Did call McKenna to receive a quote.				
24-3-5-18	<b>Motion</b> to adjourn at 8:59p	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous

MC - Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle L Brown  
Speaker Township Clerk



Treasurers Report

March 2024 - AMENDED

Checking

As of February 29, 2024

	Beginning Balance	Checks/ Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
<b>Choice One Bank</b>				
General Fund 0128	\$206,100.73	\$39,473.89	\$1,340.32	\$167,967.16
Social Security 9110	\$1,338.39	\$1,306.36	\$1,306.36	\$1,338.39
Tax Fund 7556	\$444,893.59	\$482,821.24	\$242,046.08	\$204,118.43
<b>Tri-County Bank</b>				
Fire Truck Fund 0435	\$85,405.20		\$67.88	\$85,473.08
Operating Fund 0242	\$47,880.59	\$1,589.17	\$37.78	\$46,329.20
Liberty Exp. Reimb. 3293	\$44,639.13		\$35.48	\$44,674.61
ARPA Funds 5040	\$131,525.41		\$104.54	\$131,629.95
<b>Petty Cash</b>				
Change for Taxpayers	\$288.88			\$288.88

CD's

Tri-County Bank		Length	Expiration	Rate
CD3844	\$ 51,394.01	12 mo	2/14/2025	5.00%
CD3852	\$ 51,394.01	12 mo	2/14/2025	5.00%
CD4166	\$ 51,350.27	12 mo	4/15/2024	0.15%

## Speaker Township - Fire Fund Transaction Detail by Account February 6 through March 4, 2024

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount
<b>0242 Fire Operating</b>						
02/18/2024	3067	Municipal Emergenc...	Invoice IN199...	X	Accounts Paya...	-1,280.00
02/18/2024	3068	Olds Electric LLC			Accounts Paya...	-95.00
02/29/2024	3069	DTE Energy	Acct 9100 01...		Accounts Paya...	-126.02
02/29/2024	3070	Frontier	Acct 989-479-...		Accounts Paya...	-54.99
02/29/2024	3071	Marathon			Accounts Paya...	-322.16
02/29/2024	3072	Midcom Radio Com...	Invoice 12302...		Accounts Paya...	-99.95
02/29/2024	3073	Mike's Starter & Alte...	Alternator Re...		Accounts Paya...	-65.00
02/29/2024	3074	Sam Mousseau*	Fuel		Accounts Paya...	-217.53
02/29/2024		Tri-County Bank	Deposit	X	664 - Interest ...	37.78
Total 0242 Fire Operating						-2,222.87
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-2,222.87</b>

7:42 PM

02/29/24

Accrual Basis

## Speaker Township - General Fund Transaction Detail by Account February 6 through March 4, 2024

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Cir	Split	Amount
<b>Checking Account - 128</b>						
Deposit	02/06/2024	AF Group	Dividend Distribution		687 - Refunds	280.02
Bill Pmt -Check	02/06/2024	St. Clair Co. Assess...	Board of Review/ST...		Accounts Pa...	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/12/2024	Speaker Township	Federal deposit Jan...		Accounts Pa...	-1,306.36
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	Bill McLarty	Cleaning Supplies/L...		Accounts Pa...	-57.74
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	DTE Energy	Account 910040293...		Accounts Pa...	-172.92
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	Frontier			Accounts Pa...	-59.97
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	Grant Burgess Exca...	Grave Opening Hewitt		Accounts Pa...	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	King & King CPAs L...	Invoice 30466		Accounts Pa...	-1,250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	View Newspaper Gr...	Invoice 350774		Accounts Pa...	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/18/2024	Wilkinson Solutions	25% Deposit for Se...		Accounts Pa...	-4,590.63
Liability Check	02/21/2024	State of Michigan	38-2297978		Michigan Wit...	-169.94
Deposit	02/23/2024	Sproul Farms, Inc.	FOIA Request		694 - Other	50.29
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Burnham & Flower A...	Inv 1001199464		Accounts Pa...	-2,424.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	DTE Energy	Acct 9100 018 2957 1		Accounts Pa...	-214.12
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Foster Swift Collins ...	Inv 878221 & 878220		Accounts Pa...	-6,272.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Mclvor Lawn Care			Accounts Pa...	-1,355.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Michelle Brown*	paper, folders, post ...		Accounts Pa...	-170.58
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Rochelle* Stevens	Flash Drive & Depo...		Accounts Pa...	-86.43
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Sanilac County Clerk	Inv 7318 & 7313		Accounts Pa...	-39.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Semco Energy			Accounts Pa...	-312.29
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Shelley OBrien	Postage		Accounts Pa...	-13.25
Bill Pmt -Check	02/29/2024	Clark Hill PLC	Account L2115		Accounts Pa...	-325.00
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Baumeister, Shelly M			-SPLIT-	-1,075.50
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Brown, Michelle L			-SPLIT-	-850.45
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Maitland, William J			-SPLIT-	-598.67
Paycheck	02/29/2024	McLarty, William J			-SPLIT-	-46.17
Paycheck	02/29/2024	O'Brien, Shelley M			-SPLIT-	-874.72
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Risdon, Christine			-SPLIT-	-290.91
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Stevens, Rochelle			-SPLIT-	-800.45
Paycheck	02/29/2024	Sproul, Bonnie J			-SPLIT-	-461.75
Total Checking Account - 128						-24,267.54
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-24,267.54</b>