

**Eden Township Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023**

Roger Nash called the meeting to order with Julie Van Dyke, Sally Wittlieff, Joe Stickney and Brenda Carr present.

The minutes from the September 19 board meeting were approved with Sally making the motion, Joe in support, motion carried.

Sally presented the October-November Financial Reports, Joe motioned to accept the financial report, Roger with support. Motion carried. Roger motioned that we move \$50K from the General Fund to an 18 month CD at 4.85% with West Shore Bank. Joe with support, motion carried.

Steve Hull presented updates on behalf of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

Cemetery is closed, water turned off and flag has been taken down.

Kathy Pleiness has requested to replace Curt Fiester's position on the BOR for the next year. Kathy is signed up for training in December. Please be on the lookout for future BOR members.

Budget Discussion: Julie recommended increasing the election expense line item to \$6500 to cover the extra cost of staffing the collaborative 9 days of early voting. Sally recommended increasing our hall rental fee, especially in the winter to cover heat and plowing costs. Roger recommended that we use ARPA funds toward updating the hall, roof, flooring, etc. All of these items are tabled for further discussion at the January budget hearing meeting.

Julie gave an election update, collaboration of the county municipalities for the 9 days of early voting will take place in February for the Presidential Primary, held at the Scottville Library.

Roger discuss roads, Darr Rd. bridge improvements will now cost \$300K and not feasible with not enough match dollars. Perhaps a deck or elliptical may work better.

Handling zoning at the township level should be tabled, wait and see what the county ends up doing and stay on with the county until then. Perhaps collaborate with other townships in the future.

Julie provided the Sept 20-November 30 Transaction List of bills to be paid. Julie made the motion to pay bills upon inspection, Brenda with the support, motion carried.

Julie provided proposed meeting dates for FY2025 beginning May of 2024. Dates are May 21, 2024, July 16, 2024, September 17, 2024, November 19, 2024, January 21, 2025 and March 25, 2025. Sally motioned to approve, Brenda with support, motion carried.

Julie made the motion to adjourn, Sally with the support, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Next board meeting is January 16 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Van Dyke