

Egelston Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Agenda
Apr 21, 2025 7:00 pm

1. Supervisor Faino called to order at 7 pm with all members present except for Clerk Joan Raap. Planning Commissioners Creighton and Covell, and a host of firefighters were in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
2. Motion by Treasurer Rosema, seconded by Trustee Foster, to remove item 7di from the agenda and add Board Comments as item 7e, failed by roll-call vote 2-4 with Supervisor Faino, Trustee Slade, Trustee Cooper, and Trustee Spencer voting no. Treasurer Rosema made a motion to remove “about an agenda item” from item 3, which failed for lack of support. Motion to approve agenda by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Slade, passed 5-1.
3. No public comments were made.
4. Motion by Trustee Slade, seconded by Trustee Foster, to approve the meeting minutes in the consent agenda, passed 6-0.
 - a. NOTE: Regular Meeting minutes from April 14, 2025 were not included due to Clerk Raap’s absence, however it was still within 8 days of that meeting and those minutes were expected to be submitted the next day.
 - b. Planning commission minutes April 1, 2025.
 - c. Sewer committee minutes April 16, 2025.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Motion by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Treasurer Rosema, to table drinking fountain due to Absence of Clerk Raap, passed 6-0.
6. New Business
 - a. Motion by Treasurer Rosema, seconded by Trustee Slade, to table election worker pay, passed 6-0.
 - b. Motion by Supervisor Faino, seconded by Treasurer Rosema, to raise sewer rates by \$2.50 as recommended by the grant study to keep up with inflation, passed by roll-call vote 4-2 with Trustee Foster and Trustee Spencer voting no. Concerns were raised by multiple members about the rates remaining unchanged for so long and the desire to avoid raising it a large amount all at once. Trustee Rosema noted the large capital expenses needed shortly just to maintain the current sewer infrastructure. Trustee Spencer noted that the sewer needs to be self-funded and possible solutions for adding more connections to existing lines.
 - c. Motion by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cooper, send letter from Supervisor Faino to 5154 Harding Ave to pay required fees and connect to sanitary sewer system within 90 days. Supervisor Faino visited the resident to introduce herself prior to the meeting to see why it was not hooked up years ago, and found it was due to a lack of follow up.

7. Communications

a. Treasurer's report presented for the record, which included our investments with rates of return.

b. PC report presented for the record

c. DPW report

Volunteers need to cover opening and closing of park bathrooms on the 10th and 11th of May, which is needed because the caretaker position is not yet filled.

d. Supervisor report, going over rules of engagement/ethics, keeping meetings organized, and the need for another organizational meeting.

8. Motion by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Spencer to Pay the bills, passed by roll call vote 6-0.

9. Public Comments began at 7:59 and ended at, One resident shared that the sewer rates for Muskegon Township was at \$95 per quarter, which is slightly higher than our rates. A representative from Senator Bumstead was present to show her availability to discuss any needs or concerns of Egelston residents and the Township.

10. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Spencer, seconded by Trustee Slade, passed 6-0.