

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Monday, April 9, 2012 7 PM
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Supervisor Slawinski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Trustee Augustine was absent. All other board members were present.

Joe Libby, Economic Developmental Resource Director, was present to promote Tourism in Presque Isle County.

Slawinski made a motion to approve the agenda. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Mileage sheets and check registers were signed.

Treasurer Phelps presented the Financial Report. As of March 31st, 2012 the accounts are as follows:

Savings Account	\$207,368.05
Checking Account	2,914.57
CD (Savings)	<u>102,130.72</u>
	\$312,413.72
EMS Account	\$2,125.26

The final tax settlement was done with the county. Total revenues are \$66,472.11.

Phelps thinks that with a reasonable budget from the from the Fire Board, between \$20,000-\$30,000 each fiscal year, that Bearinger can pay for our portion of the Fire Department WITHOUT a fire mill, for 3-4 years.

Phelps made a motion to transfer \$125,000 from the Savings account to the EMS account to cover the fire department expense for the next 3-4 years. Slawinski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Shutes, yes. Phelps, yes. Dowker, yes. Slawinski, yes. Augustine, absent. All present

were in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes made a motion to approve the February 13, 2012 meeting minutes with spelling corrections. Phelps pointed out that Deputy Seelye seconded a motion. A Deputy can only report, not vote. Slawinski seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the above changes. All in favor so the motion carried. Phelps made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing with the removal of **FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE**. Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes reported that the chairs have been paid for and we're waiting for delivery. The township will be reimbursed for the cost of the Presidential Primary.

Shutes discussed the need to increase the amount paid for mileage for township business, out side of the township. With gas at over \$4.00 a gallon mileage should be increased to catch up to what other government workers receive. Shutes made a motion to increase mileage payment from .45 per mile to .55 per mile. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Assessor Most reported that property assessments are down. Some poverty exemptions were granted at Board of Review. A case went to the Tribunal and the property owner had his assessment corrected. Slawinski complimented Trevor Most, Doug Phelps and the rest of the Board of Review for a job well done.

Trustee Dowker gave the Onaway Ambulance report. Open enrollment for yearly ambulance insurance is in June. Allied open enrollment is in May.

Slawinski reported that he went to lawyer to see if there is a way to give Bearinger Township tax payers relief. The bill is \$550. Slawinski was asking for reimbursement from the township. Dowker reminded the board that Trustee Augustine had asked for the same thing and was denied. Slawinski made a motion to be reimbursed for the cost of a lawyer that he contacted. Phelps seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. (Slawinski recused himself). Shutes, no. Phelps, no. Dowker, no. All present who voted opposed so the motion did not carry.

The flies are still a problem. Grant Godsey will try Zap Bombs to alleviate

the problem. Shutes wants receipts so the township can reimburse him for his expenses concerning the fly problem.

Public comments were heard. Beverly Rossetto wanted to know what happened to the check that she returned to the township for her stint as Deputy Treasurer. She returned the check because she didn't feel like she had done any work. The check went to Michigan Unclaimed Property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next regular meeting is on Monday, June 11th, 2012 @ 7:PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk