

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Regular Meeting, Monday, October 15, 2012 7 PM
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The meeting was called to order at 7 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

There were no public comments on the agenda. Slawinski made a motion to accept the agenda. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Sandy Edwards from Johnson & Schultze PC presented the audit from the fiscal year April 1, 2011- March 31, 2012. Sandy stated that Bearinger Township has an excellent report. Every thing is in order. The township has an abundance of money.

The bills and mileage for August and September, 2012 were reviewed. The check registers were initialed by the board. Shutes made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Treasurer Phelps presented the financial statements for August and September, 2012. The ending balances were as follows:

Savings Account	\$134,207.33
Checking Account	2601.49
CD Savings	<u>103,012.95</u>
Total	\$239,821.77
EMS	\$109,756.42

Augustine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The minutes from the August, 2012 meeting were discussed. Slawinski made a motion to accept the minutes. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Shutes had a letter about redoing the Presque

Isle County Master Plan. The board will receive the new Master Plan on a CD.

Shutes reported that Absentee Voting is at an all time high. There were 65 ballots received as of October 8, 2012 with numerous applications still pending.

Assessor Most reported that assessments are leveling out. House values are going up and sales are picking up. Board of Review will be on December 11, 2012 @ 2 P.M.

Onaway Ambulance meeting minutes were read by Dowker. There were no minutes from Rogers City because the October meeting was two days after the township board meeting.

Old business consisted of approval of the minutes from the June, 2012 meeting. A corrected copy of the minutes was presented by Augustine who wrote the minutes because Shutes ran the meeting. Shutes made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from June, 2012. Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The candidates who are running for the up coming election each had 10 minutes to speak. Kay Dowker is running for Trustee. She has been a board member for the past four years. She sits on the Onaway Ambulance board. She is proud to be an American. Jim McKindles is running for Trustee. He stands for making sure the township keeps spending at a minimal, is against a Fire Department millage because we have enough money to fund the Fire Department without a millage and is against Planning and Zoning. Archie Patterson is also running for Trustee. He thinks the township needs a plan for the future. He supports the Fire Department and is willing to spend more to fund it. He considers himself a rational conservative. Two people are running for Supervisor. John Malaski was unavailable due to a wedding commitment in Iowa. Joe Hartigan is a conservative who wants to keep spending low, keep taxes low and preserve the standard of living Bearinger Township currently offers. The election is on November 6, 2012. You may vote in person from 7 AM - 8 P.M.

Three board members are not seeking reelection. They each had a few minutes to speak. Treasurer Gale Phelps stated that she worked for All the township residents. A lot of tax payers live downstate and have no voice

because they can not vote for local issues. Phelps feels that she needed to be their voice. She stated that the small group who pursued the Supervisor recall were not working in the best interest of the township. She thanked Karen Silver for her hard work when she was the Supervisor. She thanked her Deputy, Irene Seeyle. Clerk Shutes thanked her election workers, her Deputy, Jean Krupa and Karen Silver for her hard work has the Supervisor. Shutes stated that the township has plenty of money to support the Fire Department without a millage. Supervisor Slawinski stated that he never dreamed he'd be elected in the recall election. He found the job to be more demanding than he expected.

The meeting was open for public comments. There were no comments. Shutes made a motion to adjourn. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. The next regular meeting is on December 10, 2012 @ 7 P.M. The new board will take over at this time. The last day for the old board is noon on November 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted-

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk