

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2012 7 PM
Minutes, 1st Copy

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Gale Phelps was absent. All other board members were present. Deputy Treasurer Irene Seelye was also present to present the Treasurer's report.

Public comments on the agenda were heard. Jim McKindles is against buying new chairs for the town hall.

Trustee Augustine made a motion to approve the agenda. Deputy Treasurer Seelye seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Clerk Shutes presented the bills paid and mileage for approval, the Consent Agenda. Augustine made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer Seelye presented the Financial Report. As of January 31, 2012 the accounts are as follows:

Savings Account	\$207,335.10
Checking Account	8,132.36
CD (Savings)	<u>102,005.30</u>
	\$317,472.76
EMS Account	\$2,124.57

There was one change in the minutes from 12/12/2011. The INFLATION RATE MULTIPLIER should have been 2.7%, NOT 2.27%. Slawinski made a motion to accept the minutes with this change. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Shutes read a letter from resident John Malaski. Malaski requested consideration to be the At Large Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board member. Shutes made a motion to accept John Malaski as the new Fire Board member. Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. The PC Advantage web site sent a new contract for approval. Shutes made a motion to accept The PC Advantage contract. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes reported that the Republican Primary will be on February 28. Residents can vote from 7 AM to 8 PM at the town hall or request an absentee ballot.

Assessor Most requested that the board review Poverty Guidelines for Property Tax

Exemptions. Slawinski made a motion to accept the Poverty Guidelines. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Board of Review will be on March 13 from 9-3 and March 15 from 3-9. Shutes made a motion to accept the Board of Review dates. Trustee Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. March 6 at 1 PM is the organization meeting for Board of Review members.

Supervisor Slawinski felt that he had lost his cool during the December meeting. He apologized to Hank Filipowski for his behavior.

Trustee Dowker presented the Onaway Ambulance budget for approval. A roll call vote was taken. Augustine, yes. Shutes, no. Slawinski, yes. Dowker, yes. Due to majority rule, the motion carried.

Trustee Augustine presented a bill that she received from lawyer MacArthur concerning an opinion about the Assessor becoming an employee, not a contracted worker. She requested that the town ship pay this bill. Slawinski made a motion to pay the lawyer bill that Augustine received. Augustine seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Augustine, abstained. Shutes, no. Dowker, yes. Slawinski, no. Due to majority rule, the motion did not carry.

The Fire Department budget was discussed. Shutes thinks changes need to be made before the budget is approved. Slawinski thinks we should have a joint Budget Hearing with the three boards. Ocqueoc Township, Bearinger Township and the Fire Board. Slawinski made a motion to NOT approve the Fire Department Budget. Shutes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Shutes, yes. Augustine, no. Dowker, no. Slawinski, yes. Because there was no censuses the three boards will meet at the Fire Department on March 1, 2012 @ 6 PM for a Budget Hearing.

A Public Hearing will be held on March 21 @ 6 PM to discuss the Bearinger Township budget.

Trustee Augustine researched buying new chairs for the town hall. The cost, including shipping, for 30 chairs is \$655.51. Augustine made a motion to purchase 30 chairs with the cost being \$655.51. Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Public comments were heard. Hank Filipowski thinks we should get rid of the Admin Fee.

Augustine made a motion to adjourn @ 8:25. Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. The next regular meeting is on April 9, 2012 @ 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted-

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk

