

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 Town Hall Highway

April 9, 2013

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Chairman Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present for the meeting were Board Members, Chairman John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Trustees Kay Dowker and Archie Patterson II and Clerk Beverly Rossetto.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Kay Dowker and seconded by Keitha Malaski to approve the Agenda for this meeting. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Approval of Minutes:** **March 10, Minutes.** After review of the minutes, Treasurer K. Malaski stated that the Treasures Report, regarding reconciling with the Presque Isle County Treasurer, should read (ALL TAX INFORMATION HAS BEEN DROPPED OFF AT THE COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE, BUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE COUNTIES NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM SHE HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED TO COMPLETE THE FINAL RECONCILING AS YET). A motion was made by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Treasurer K. Malaski to approve the March 10, 2013 minutes as revised. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor Malaski.

**Guest Speaker:** Donna Hardies of Up North Prevention gave a very informational talk about Dial 211 service in Northeast Michigan. This is a new service for people who have problems and need help. When dialing 211 a person can talk to a trained professional about hundreds of health and human services available. The trained professional can assist with referrals for: Food, Housing, Utilities, Child Care, Home Repair, Emergency Shelter, Clothing, Legal Aid, Literacy, Transportation, Substance Abuse, Senior Issues, Disability Information, Medical and Dental Care, Prescriptions, Mental Health and more. Mrs. Hardies explained that to financially support this service its cost to each Presque Isle Township is fifteen cents (15¢) per capita, the cost to Bearinger Township, with a population of 369, will be \$55.35 for 2013. Supervisor Malaski thanked Mrs. Hardies and stated the Board will vote on this issue in the New Business Section of this meeting.

**Correspondence:** Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence was received from the Presque Isle County Township Officers Association regarding the Annual dues of \$25.00. Motion was made by Clerk Rossetto and seconded by Treasurer K. Malaski to pay the dues. Roll call vote: K. Dowker – yes, K. Malaski – yes, A. Patterson – yes, B. Rossetto – yes and J.G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer K. Malaski reported balances for the following funds:

1. General Fund – Savings Account	\$ 112,634.67
2. General Fund - Checking Account	11,207.90
3. CD (Savings) Account	103,658.68
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>92,357.54</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$ 319,858.79

Treasurer K. Malaski reported that the new County Treasurer and her staff are working with new software and that all the township treasurers will be contacted within a week or ten days to do their final reconciliations. The Treasurer requested that the Board Members contact her with anything they want to put in the Summer Newsletter; she is working on the summer newsletter and will have it at our next meeting for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Dowker and seconded by Clerk Rossetto to approve the Treasurers report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Clerks Report:** Clerk Rossetto reported that the final Standard Budget for fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 and the March 2013 check register were available. A motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Archie Patterson to approve the Clerks report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Trustees Report:** Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Ambulance minutes of March 2013. Trustee Patterson had no Allied Ambulance report. Trustee Patterson has organized all cemetery information in a data base and has all hard copies of files and certificates in a binder. A motion was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Keitha Malaski to accept the Trustees Reports. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Supervisors Report:** Supervisor J.G. Malaski reported that he had attended the Presque Isle County Road Commissions meeting, March 23, 2013. The purpose of this meeting was to get input from citizens on the present condition and the needed constructions and repairs of Michigan Highways. The main speaker of the meeting was State Representative Peter Pettalia, who presented five proposals on how money could be raised for these projects. Many citizens voiced their concerns and were against increasing gasoline tax rates and License fees.

On April 2, 2013, Supervisor J.G. Malaski, Treasurer K. Malaski and Clerk Rossetto attended the Presque Isle Townships Officers Association meeting in Posen. Various County Officials gave reports on their Departments, including Donna Hardies of the Dial 211 service. A motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Archie Patterson to approve the Supervisors report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**Assessor Report:** Assessor Trevor Most, due to another commitment, will be unable to attend our monthly meetings on Tuesday nights. Assessor Most will provide a monthly written report and will always be available for any questions and/or telephone calls. A motion was made by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Clerk Rossetto to approve the Assessors Report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

**New Business: Computer Purchase** – after a lengthy discussion regarding the research of Dell and HP computers a motion was made by Keitha Malaski to purchase two (2) new Dell computer (one for the Treasurer and one for the clerk). It was recommended that a two year warranty be purchased and that purchase cost not exceed \$2,200.00... The motion was seconded by Archie Patterson. Roll call vote: K. Dowker – yes, A. Patterson – yes, K. Malaski – yes, B. Rossetto – yes and J.G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried

**Emergency 211 Telephone Service for Northeast Michigan:** Motion was made by Archie Patterson that we pay the cost of \$55.35 for the yearly 2013 service. Roll call vote: A. Patterson – yes, B. Rossetto – yes, K. Malaski – yes, K. Dowker – yes and J.G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried

Electric Heaters: Supervisor J.G. Malaski presented his plan to purchase electric heaters to be used during meetings. After discussion of this project, it was recommended that the proper posting be put in the newspapers for bids with specs. B. DeLong suggested we also get the operating cost of the electric heaters.

Handicap Parking: The Supervisor is moving forward with the required Handicap parking spaces, he suggested that a larger area of about twelve (12) spots be considered. An ad will be place in the newspapers for bids.

Road Repair: The Supervisor spoke about the roads in Bearinger Township; he will meet and talk to the County Road Commissioner regarding the condition of Bluffs Hwy. and Beach Hwy.

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board Member: Letter from attorney Volger was read. The Supervisor stated that anyone interested in being on the Fire Board should write a letter to the Fire Board and attend the Fire Department meeting, May 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Supervisor J.G. Malaski received and read a letter from Irv Dedow requesting to be appointed to the Fire Board. The letter from Mr. Dedow will be turned over to the Fire Department

Public Comment: Nancy Shutes stated that the mileage paid and recorded on the check register should be more defined, such as location of trips. Clerk Rossetto stated that more detailed wording would be used in future check registers.

Being no further Public Comments, the Supervisor announced that the next regular township meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Kay Dowker and seconded by Keitha Malaski that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by.

*Beverly Rossetto*

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk