

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
And
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 -2014 BUDGET
17034 Town Hall Highway
March 12, 2013
Corrected and approved, April 9, 2013

Chairman Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Kay Dowker 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: **February 12, 2013 Minutes.** After review of the minutes, Treasurer K. Malaski stated that the Treasures Report, regarding money received, should read (SWAMP TAX, \$11,760.00 and REVENUE SHARING, \$4,534.00). A motion was made by Clerk Rossetto and seconded by Treasurer K. Malaski to approve the February 12, 2013 minutes with corrections. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor Malaski.

Special Meeting Minutes: **February 15, 2013.** A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Keitha Malaski to approve the minutes as written. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Chairman J.G. Malaski recessed the Regular Board Meeting at 6:39 p.m. and called the **Public Hearing Budget Meeting** to order.

Nancy Shutes stated that she thinks it is a conflict of interest for three Township Board Members to vote on the Fire Department Budget and the Township Budget. Chairman J.G. Malaski explained that the Fire Department Joint Agreement does not state that three Township Board Members can't sit on the Fire Board. For clarification the Fire Board Joint Agreement is being reviewed by an attorney.

The Fire Department Budget: was reviewed, being no public comment, a resolution was read to adopt the Fire Department Budget for 2013 -2014 (roll call vote: Kay Dowker – aye, Keitha Malaski – aye, Archie Patterson – aye, Beverly Rossetto - aye and John G. Malaski – aye).

Chairman J.G. Malaski gave an update of activities at the Fire Department. Two new members have been added to the roster, one is already certified in Fire Fighter I & II and the other person will be training as a Medical First Responder. The on call wage rate has been changed to cover the hours served on a Fire or Medical call.

Township Budget for 2013-2014: The Preliminary budget was presented. Clerk Rossetto requested that due to the fact that the Township Board is meeting monthly, the clerk's office supply category be increased by \$150.00 for a total of \$350.00. After review of each category and being no other changes or public comments, a resolution was read to adopt the Township Budget

for 2013-1014 (roll call vote: Kay Dowker – aye, Keitha Malaski – aye, Archie Patterson – aye, Beverly Rossetto – aye and John G. Malaski – aye).

Chairman J.G. Malaski adjourned the Public Hearing Budget Meeting at 7:05 p.m. and resumed the Regular Bearinger Township meeting.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence has been received from:

1. The US Postal Service confirming address change for Township clerks mail.
2. Presque Isle County Township Officers RE: April 2, 2013 meeting in Pulawski Township.
3. PIE&G RE: natural gas rates
4. NEMCOG RE: Workshop for Watershed Protection

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

1. General Fund – Savings Account	\$ 121,347.99
2. General Fund - Checking Account	907.91
3. CD (Savings) Account	103,622.74
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>92,349.70</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$ 318,228.34

Treasurer K. Malaski reported that \$274,000.00 of taxes has been received in February and that ~~she has reconciled with the Presque Isle County Treasurer~~ **ALL TAX INFORMATION HAS BEEN DROPPED OFF AT THE COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE BUT, BECAUSE OF THE COUNTIES NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM, SHE HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED TO COMPLETE THE FINAL RECONCILING AS YET.**

A motion was made by Clerk Rossetto and seconded by Trustee Dowker to approve the Treasurers report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Clerks Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that some categories are over budget and need to be adjusted for fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. A motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Kay Dowker that the Clerk can move monies within each category as needed. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker to approve the Clerks report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Assessor Report: Assessor Trevor Most was unable to attend this meeting; therefore the Supervisor J.G. Malaski read the Assessors report. A motion was made by Clerk Rossetto and seconded by Treasurer K. Malaski to approve the Assessors Report. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Trustees Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Ambulance minutes of February 27, 2013. Trustee Patterson had no report. A motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Beverly Rossetto to accept the Trustees Reports. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Supervisors Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski thanked Beverly Rossetto for stepping up to fill the vacancy of the Clerk's office. Clerk Rossetto thanked Nancy Shutes for her help and assistance with the Pontem Software Program. 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.

Old Business: Selection of an alternate Board of Review Member. Byron DeLong requested to be appointed as an alternate member of the Board of review. James McKindles stated that he would be interested in serving as an alternate member also. Being that only one alternate member is needed a roll call vote was held. Starting with Byron DeLong the vote was: (Kay Dowker – aye, Archie Patterson – aye, Keitha Malaski – aye, John Malaski – aye and Beverly Rossetto – aye). Byron DeLong will serve as Board of Review alternate and will be sworn in after this meeting.

New Business: Supervisor J.G. Malaski suggested that the old Brothers Typewriter be donated and/or recycled to the Salvation Army. Other items to be disposed of are: An old ten foot wooden ladder, an old six foot aluminum ladder, old bench seat and the wooden podium. A motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Kay Dowker to recycle and dispose of all these items. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G Malaski.

Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement: A review and brief discussion was held regarding this Agreement. A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Floor Grate: An invoice for \$100.00 was received from Grants Maintenance for the cost of materials, welding and installing the floor grate. A motion was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Kay Dowker to pay this invoice. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Supervisor J.G. Malaski requested permission to purchase a six foot fiberglass, MIOSHA approved ladder for hall maintenance. Archie Patterson made a motion that a Werner ladder be purchased for an amount up to \$110.00, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Public Comment: Nancy Shutes thanked Clerk Rossetto for paying her for her assistance and help and suggested that the Township reimburse the amount to the clerk. The clerk stated that she would not accept any reimbursement.

Tom Harkleroad asked if the Public Hearing and Budget meeting had been advertised and commented that wording on the agenda should indicate that a Public Hearing and Budget meeting were part of this meeting. Supervisor J.G. Malaski confirmed that the notice was placed in the Newspapers and would accept the wording for future meetings.

Irv Dedow asked about elections this year and have we budgeted for them. There will be three elections (May, August and November 2013). The cost of the School Board election, May 7, 2013 will be reimbursed to the Township by the Onaway School Board.

Being no further Public Comments, the Supervisor announced that the next regular township meeting is scheduled for April 9, ~~2012~~ **2013** at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by.

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk