

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
June 11, 2013

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present for the meeting were Board Members, Supervisor John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Trustees Kay Dowker and Archie Patterson II and Clerk Beverly Rossetto. Property Owners in attendance were Tom Harkleroad, Irv Dedow, Nancy Shutes, Jim McKindles and Doug Phelps.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Malaski received a letter from the Assessor requesting the status of the BSA computer program, and suggested that this item be added under old business. Motion was made by Kay Dowker to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Keitha Malaski 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: **May 14, 2013 Minutes.** Motion was made by Treasurer K. Malaski and seconded by Trustee K. Dowker to approve the May 14, 2013 minutes. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor Malaski.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence has been received from the Presque Isle County Township Officers Association regarding the quarterly meeting and annual picnic, July 2, 2013.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer K. Malaski has been working on the many updates and changes that the state has made, she explained some of the updates and how it will affect the billing of the property taxes. Township Fund balances ending May 31, 2013 were:

1	General Fund – Savings Account	\$ 165,269.26
2.	General Fund - Checking Account	11,228.64
3.	CD (Savings) Account	103,737.35
4.	EMS Money Market Account	<u>77,777.39</u>
	Total (All Accounts)	\$ 358,012.64

Clerks Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that she had attended a Clerks Accreditation Program in Lansing, May 16 & 17, 2013 and should be receiving her certificate soon. Clerk Rossetto is happy to announce, that with a lot of help from County Clerk Main, a grant has been approved to cover the cost of the Electronic Poll Book to be used at elections. Clerk Rossetto picked it up today, June 11, 2013, and attended a five hour training class in St Ignace. Due to the time factor, pre-approval of this trip was not acquired, the Clerk is requesting approval for mileage and bridge passage for this trip.

Assessor Report: Assessor Trevor Most was unable to attend this meeting; therefore the Supervisor J.G. Malaski read the Assessors written report.

Trustees Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Ambulance minutes of May 22, 2013.

Trustee Patterson reported that the Rogers City Ambulance meeting will be tomorrow night. One of the subjects for the meeting will be to talk about leasing the building and equipment from the Authority.

Supervisors Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski stated that he has applied for a grant to cover part of the handicap parking area and should hear for Michigan PA's Protection soon. The Supervisor reported that the culvert installation has been completed and turned the invoice over to the Clerk for payment.

Old Business: Parking lot paving. Four (4) bids have been received. After review and discussion of each bid, Trustee Patterson moved to accept the bid from Everett Goodrich Trucking & Asphalt Paving with a provision that 22A gravel be used as a base, Trustee Dowker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Dowker-yes, Keitha Malaski-yes, A. Patterson-yes, J.G. Malaski-yes and B. Rossetto-yes.

Assessors request for BSA software. J.G. Malaski stated that the BSA software will cost \$2,800.00 with an annual support fee of \$550.00. Trustee Patterson requested that we obtain information from the Assessor to determine just what the software will do for our township and that we postpone any decisions, regarding the BSA software, until our next meeting.

Michigan Township Association, dues. An invoice of the annual dues of \$775.47 was presented. Roll call vote to pay the dues: K. Dowker-yes, Keitha Malaski-yes, J.G. Malaski-yes, A. Patterson-yes and B. Rossetto-yes.

Reimburse to the Clerk for mileage and bridge passage to St. Ignace, June 11, 2013. Roll call: K. Dowker-yes, Keitha Malaski-yes, J.G. Malaski-yes, A. Patterson-yes and B. Rossetto-yes.

Michigan Township Associations, Principles of Governance. Treasurer Malaski read the ten (10) items of the pledge. Four of the Board Members were willing to sign, frame and display the Principles of Governance. Trustee Patterson refused to sign the pledge, stating that he pledged to do this when he took his oath of office. Supervisor Malaski suggested that the officer's names be removed and only the words of the pledge be framed for displayed.

Irv Dedow requested to be on the agenda to discuss Planning and Zoning. Mr. Dedow has attended the County Commissioners and Planning Commission meetings to obtain information about how the township can be more in control of what happens in Bearinger Township. Mr. Dedow suggests that if Bearinger Township has a Planning Committee, without Zoning, we could have some oversight to what the county is permitting in our community. With a Planning Committee of five members, we would be able to have some input in the county zoning. Seven communities in Presque Isle County have their own Planning and Zoning Committees. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to postpone any decision of have a Bearinger Township Planning Committee until further information can be gathered.

Public Comment **Nancy Shutes** informed everyone that they could attend any of the County meetings and make comments.

Nancy Shutes asked the Treasurer if she had appointed a deputy since her deputy has resigned, Treasurer Malaski said she is working on this matter and will have a deputy as soon as possible.

Jim McKindles said we should delay paving the parking lot until the grant is approved. It was explained that the work has to be completed before any grant money is received.

Jim McKindles stated his opinion of Attorney McArthur.

Jim McKindles commented on and gave his views of having a Planning Committee.

Supervisor Malaski announced that the next regular Township meeting will be, July 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Clerk Rossetto and seconded by trustee Dowker that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk