

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
September 10, 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, Nancy Shutes and Barb Knight.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Archie Patterson to approve the agenda, seconded by Kay Dowker. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Archie Patterson, 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: August 13, 2013 Motion was made by Treasurer K. Malaski and seconded by Trustee K. Dowker to approve the August 10, 2013 minutes. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor Malaski.

Correspondence: Archie Patterson received a letter from Peter Pettalia regarding the changes for Michigan Personal Property tax. Clerk Rossetto reported that the State of Michigan will have a Public Hearing, October 8, 2013 in Lansing regarding Presque Isle Electric & Gas recovery cost and revenues. Correspondence from Presque Isle Township Officers Association stating that the next Quarterly meeting will be, October 1, 2013, 7:00 pm at Allis Township Hall.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer K. Malaski reported that \$15,000.00 has been transferred from savings to checking to pay bills. The amount of \$513.15 was received from Onaway School District for reimbursement of the May 7, 2013 election. In the last week Property Taxes have been coming in very heavy. Township Fund balances ending June 30, 2013 were:

1	General Fund – Savings Account	\$ 144,740.73
2.	General Fund - Checking Account	14,169.88
3.	CD (Savings) Account	103,881.73
4.	EMS Money Market Account	<u>77,797.00</u>
	Total (All Accounts)	\$ 340,589.34

Clerks Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the August 2013 Check Register, the Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ended August 31, 2013 were available. Tax form L-4029 is being prepared and because of the State of Michigan changes to the F-65 form she will have this form completed by the end of September.

Assessor Report: Chairman J.G. Malaski read the Assessors report. The Assessor is working with the Building and Zoning Official to see if any buildings have been built without permits and are not on the tax roll. Assessor Most has responded to one tax tribunal appeal and is waiting for the paperwork on another tax tribunal appeal.

Trustees Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Ambulance minutes of August 28, 2013. The Onaway Area Ambulance meeting in November has been moved to November 20th and the December meeting has been moved to December 18th.

Trustee Patterson read a report on activities of Rogers City Ambulance Authority. The air conditioning unit in the building used by Allied is being replaced for \$2,650.00. The 0.6 mils millage to support the Ambulance Authority will be maintained for another year.

Supervisors Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski reported his views of the MTA meeting on Planning & Zoning and Fracking in the state of Michigan. Many questions were posed regarding Fracking and the MTA people had no answers, it seems the State of Michigan has control and can do anything they want.

Old Business: Electric wall heaters. Supervisor J.G. Malaski reported that the electrician will start the project this Friday or early next week.

New Business – Clerk Rossetto gave a brief summary of the Fire Department audit. It was explained that the auditor recommends that since Bearinger Township is currently set up with the Pontem general ledger program it may be possible to try to set up the Fire Board activity as a separate fund in the system. Additionally, expenses and revenue should be recorded in a gross amount and not netted against each other so that the budgetary process is not compromised. Archie Patterson made a motion that the Fire Department be allowed to use the Townships Pontem software, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Being no objection the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Water Heater – The Supervisor reported that the five gallon water heater was over forty years old and has not worked in many years. A new tank with the required plumbing and electrical labor would cost about three to four hundred dollars. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the value of having hot water available. Clerk Rossetto made a motion to approve up to five hundred dollars to install a new water tank, Treasurer Malaski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker - yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, John Malaski – yes, Archie Patterson – no, Beverly Rossetto – yes. Motion carried.

Assessors BSA software - Amendment of Budget – Treasurer Malaski made a motion that \$2,800.00 be moved from the General Fund Savings account to the Assessors budgeted expense with a new chart of account number for Assessors Software expense. Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, John Malaski – yes, Archie Patterson – yes and Beverly Rossetto – yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Nancy Shutes commented that at the August 13, 2013 meeting she said “she wanted the Deputy Clerks letter of resignation read”.

Barb Knight thinks that instead of buying a water tank, we should get a big electric coffee urn to heat water.

Supervisor Malaski announced that the next regular Township meeting will be October 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Kay Dowker that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7: 25 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk