

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
December 10, 2013

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

Approval of Agenda: Clerk Rossetto requested that information regarding Deputies pay be added to the agenda under New Business. Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the agenda as revised, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Kay Dowker and seconded by Archie Patterson 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: Motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Kay Dowker to approve the November 12, 2013 minutes. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that Presque Isle County Department of Building Inspection And Zoning Commission had sent copies of the three chapters that received final approval for the new Presque Isle County Master Plan Update.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keitha Malaski stated that Winter Taxes have been mailed and reported the following balances:

1. General Fund - Savings Account	\$136,560.88
2. General Fund – Checking Account	4,567.97
3. CD (Savings) Account	104,038.91
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>63,220.33</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$308,388.09

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the November 2013 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending November, 2013 were available. Clerk Rossetto stated that Kay Dowker had taken the oath of office as the Deputy Clerk.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski stated that there was no Assessors report. The Board of review met December 10, 2013 at 2:30 for errors and principal residence only. Supervisor Malaski reported that the Board of Review did receive several requests for Forest Exemptions.

Trustees' Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Area Ambulance Service minutes of November 20, 2013. On December 7th at 4:30 p.m. the Onaway Area Ambulance Service and the Fire Department sponsored a dinner for Toys for Tots.

Trustee Patterson reported that the Rogers City Ambulance Service meeting will be held December 12, 2013.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski reported that he had purchased a sturdy card table of \$32.00 and Ice Melting Salt for the sidewalk.

Old Business: Presque Isle County Township Officers meeting will be held at Bearinger Township Hall January 7, 2014. Clerk Rossetto requested permission to purchase refreshments for this meeting. Archie Patterson made a motion that up to \$100.00 be approved for the refreshment, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Beverly Rossetto – yes, Archie Patterson – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Kay Dowker – yes and John Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

New Business: 2014 Meeting Schedule Supervisor Malaski presented the Township meeting dates for 2014, the meetings are to be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. After a brief discussion of possibly meeting every other month, Supervisor Malaski made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting schedule as presented, Clerk Rossetto seconded the motion. Five yes votes. Motion carried.

Fire Department DiscussionThe Money Market for the Fire Department has a balance of \$63,220.33. Supervisor J.G. Malaski feels that this may last until 2015. The Board had a discussion about a Fire Department millage proposal for the next general election, a millage passed in 2014 would provide funding for the Fire Department in 2016. Keitha Malaski made a motion to move ahead with a Fire Department millage and have the Attorney develop proper language for it. Motion was seconded by Kay Dowker. Roll call vote: K. Dowker - yes, A. Patterson – yes, K. Malaski – yes, B. Rossetto – yes and J.G. Malaski – yes.

Deputy Wage Pay Clerk Rossetto wants permission to pay, before the end of the year, the Deputy Treasurer, who moved away and the Deputy Clerk, who resigned. Clerk Rossetto will call M.T.A. to verify that this action is legal. K. Malaski made a motion, that upon concurrence with M.T.A., the deputies be paid. Motion seconded by B. Rossetto. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor Malaski.

Public Comments: Nancy Shutes questioned how much was paid to Presque Isle County for the taxes. Treasurer Malaski confirmed that she and J.G. Malaski did the sealing and mailing of the taxes, not the county.

James McKindles feels that there is no reason to have a Fire Department millage. After a lengthy discussion/debate about Public Act 2 and the Headley Amendment, Mr. McKindles stated that any tax money not used by year end should be returned to the property owners.

Next regular Township Board meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowker and seconded by Trustee Patterson that this meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7: 27 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk