

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
March 11, 2014

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:34 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: Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the agenda, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Kay Dowker and seconded by Keitha Malaski to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the February 11, 2014 regular board meeting minutes, Keitha Malaski observed that Board of Review had been misspelled twice. Motion made by Kay Dowker that the minutes of the February 11, 2014 and February 17, 2014 special meetings be approved as corrected, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Hearing Budget Meeting: Supervisor J.G. Malaski recessed the Regular Board Meeting at 6:38 pm and called the Public Hearing Budget Meeting to order. The Township Board reviewed and discussed each line item of the proposed 2014/2015 budget, it was determined that \$500.00 dollars could be removed from the Cemetery Capital Outlay Fund.

Public Comment on 2014/2015 Budget: Jim McKindles questioned the Supervisor regarding who he is responsible to and stated that the Supervisor had no right to change the wage rate of the Fire Fighters and First Responders. It was explained that at the Fire Board Budget meeting, the Supervisor did not change the wage rates of the Volunteers; he had only suggested that \$500.00 be added to the budget total for a possible increase in fire or emergency calls and that his suggestion had nothing to do with the Volunteers personal wage rate.

Doug Phelps questioned the need for a Road Fund. Supervisor Malaski explained that gravel roads like Bluffs Hwy. and County Rd. 489 may need repairs and that culverts may need to be replaced.

Nancy Shutes questioned the Attorney Retainer and would like to see an itemized invoice showing the hours used.

Jim McKindles continued to comment about the Township's Board Members actions and responsibilities, Supervisor Malaski told Mr. McKindles he was out of order and that his two minute comment time had expired. Mr. McKindles became very irate and said this is Public Hearing and he had the right to talk as long as he liked. Supervisor Malaski stated 911 would be called with any further interruption of the meeting and that we would move forward to the vote of adopting the budgets.

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board Budget Resolution: Clerk Rossetto read Resolution #003-2014 to Adopt Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department Budget for 2014/2015; the Resolution was offered by Keitha Malaski and supported by Kay Dowker. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – yes, Archie J. Patterson II – no,

Beverly Rossetto – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Bearinger Township Budget Resolution: Clerk Rossetto read Resolution #004-2014 to adopt Bearinger Townships Budget for 2014/2015; the resolution was offered by Kay Dowker and supported by Keitha Malaski. Roll called vote: Kay Dowker – yes, Archie J. Patterson II – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion made by Keitha Malaski and supported by Kay Dowker that the Public Hearing Budget Meeting be adjourned. Five yes votes; Public Hearing adjourned at 7:29 pm and resumed the regular March 11, 2014 meeting.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that the following correspondence has been received:

1. Northeast Michigan 2-1-1 Services Annual Report
2. PIE&G Hearing, March 25, 2014 in Lansing, Michigan
3. PIE&G, Regarding Gas rates
4. Peter Pettalia – Property Assessment Information
5. Governmental Business Systems vendor fair in Lansing, March 3, 2014
6. Presque Isle County Township Association meeting April 1, 2014

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Keitha Malaski gave account balances and stated that the county settlement for 2013 winter taxes has been completed and balances with the County. The final disbursement will be completed soon. Fund balances ended February 28, 2014 were:

1.General Fund - Savings Account	\$126,667.98
2.General Fund – Checking Account	2,307.21
3.CD (Savings) Account	104,196.33
4.EMS Money Market Account	<u>63,235.92</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$296,407.44

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the February 2014 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending February 28, 2014 were available.

Assessor’s Report: Supervisor Malaski will combine the Assessor’s report with the Supervisor’s Report.

Trustees’ Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Area Ambulance Service minutes of February 26, 2014. The representatives from Onaway, Bearinger, Allis, Case, Forest North Allis, Ocqueoc and Waverly reviewed and adopted the 2014/2015 Budget for the Onaway Area Ambulance Service. A new HP copy machine has been purchased and future planned purchases are for new monitors and a power cot.

Trustee Patterson will provide copies of the Rogers City Ambulance Authority meeting of February 12, 2014 at our next meeting, April 8, 2014.

Supervisor’s Report: The Board of Review organizational meeting was held March 4, 2014 and the first public meeting was held today, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm., with six requests for various reasons. The next Board of Review meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2014, 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Old Business: **A. Hall File Cabinet.** Clerk Rossetto presented information and prices of various file cabinets and stated that it would be less costly to purchase one (4 drawer) than two (2 drawer) Files. Archie Patterson II moved that up to \$230.00 be approved to purchase a four drawer file cabinet. Keitha Malaski supported the motion. Roll called vote: All Board Members responded yes. Motion carried.

B. Fire Millage Resolution Revision #005-2014. Clerk Rossetto read the revised ballot language for a millage proposition for Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services for the August 4, 2014 election. Clerk Rossetto made a motion that the ballot language that was approved by Resolution #001-2014, February 11, 2014 be retracted and replaced with the revised ballot language of Resolution #005-2014. Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

New Business: **Printer/copier for Clerk.** Clerk Rossetto explained that the drum of the Brothers 7020 printer needed to be replaced and that she is requesting preapproval to purchase a new printer to replace the old printer when it stops working. Treasurer Malaski made a motion that up to \$275.00 be approved for the purchase of a new printer for the Clerk. Trustee Patterson supported the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Patterson – yes, Treasurer Malaski – yes, Trustee Dowker – yes, Clerk Rossetto – yes and Supervisor Malaski- yes. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment Nancy Shutes questioned the reason for revising the ballot language and requested that Archie J. Patterson II, Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board Secretary to include the date of the next meeting when he records his Fire Board Minutes. Secretary Patterson said he will include the next meeting date from now on.

Being no further comments, Kay Dowker moved and John G. Malaski supported that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk