

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
June 10, 2014

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, Trustee Archie Patterson II, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto and Supervisor John G. Malaski. Trustee Kay Dowker was absent. Property Owners and guests in attendance were Bob Hartmann, Anna Mero, Nancy Shutes, Margy Kutzera and Robert Kennedy.

Approval of Agenda: Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Archie J. Patterson II seconded the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Archie Patterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bill. The motion was supported by Keitha Malaski. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the May 13, 2014 regular board meeting minutes, Anna Mero stated that her surname was missed spelled. Trustee Patterson requested that the wording that he read his report be changed to he gave his report and that Allied Ambulance Authority should read Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority. Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Archie Patterson supported the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto received correspondences from: 1. Presque Isle County Officers Association regarding July 1, 2014 meeting being held at Bismarck Township Hall. 2. PIE&G regarding Gas rates. 3. PIE&G regarding routine maintenance of vegetation growing in the utility right-of-ways and 4. Representative Peter Pettalia, regarding the approval of the 2014/2015 Michigan State Budget.

Archie Patterson received correspondence from Anover Company about different types of monument markers and the cost for marking plots in the Bearinger Township Cemetery.

Treasurer Malaski received a letter from the State of Michigan regarding the Michigan Forestry property tax exemption. She has spoken to the County Treasurer and Equalization Department and they will be handling most of the paper work.

Supervisor Malaski explained the Michigan State Forestry Exemption and how it will affect the income for the School system.

Treasurer Malaski received a notice from the County Treasurer's office requesting that Bearinger Township pass a resolution regarding the 2014 Property Tax Foreclosed Parcels. The resolution will be presented under New Business.

Trustees' Report: Trustee Patterson's Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority meeting will be held tomorrow, June 11, 2014, and he will have a report at our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Malaski presented the financial report for May 2014 and explained the activity of each account.

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| 1. General Fund - Savings Account | \$182,775.64 |
| 2. General Fund – Checking Account | 15,017.45 |
| 3. CD (Savings) Account | 104,348.82 |
| 4. EMS Money Market Account | <u>39,392.80</u> |
| Total (All Accounts) | \$341,534.71 |

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the May 2014 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending May 31, 2014 are available.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Malaski stated there was no Assessor's report; but that he had talked with him and was told nothing much has been happening. The next Board of Review will be held July 22, 2014 at 2:30 pm at the Township Hall. This meeting will be for errors and principal residency only.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski reported that he and Treasurer Malaski had attended a meeting in Rogers City regarding Asset Management for Roads put on by Presque Isle County Road Commission to discuss ways to preserve roadway and how to get the most from them for the money spent.

Old Business: **2014 Summer Newsletter:** Being no changes or additions to the summer newsletter, Clerk Rossetto made a motion to approve the newsletter. Trustee Patterson supported the motion. Four ayes votes, motion carried.

New Business: **A. Resolution for 2014 Property Tax Foreclosed Parcels:** Clerk Rossetto read the resolution and after a brief discussion and clarifying the wording to not purchase the parcels, the resolution was offered by Archie J. Patterson II and supported by Keitha Malaski. Roll call vote: Archie J. Patterson – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes and John Malaski – yes. Supervisor Malaski declared the resolution adopted. A copy of this resolution will be delivered to the County Treasurer's office.

B. 2014 Dues for the Michigan Township Association: Archie J. Patterson II finds the MTA to be very beneficial and moved to approve the 2014/15 dues. Keitha Malaski supported the motion. Roll call vote: Archie J. Patterson II – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

C. & E. Cemetery Land Survey: Trustee Patterson talked about the need to have the Bearinger Cemetery surveyed to know where the four (4) corners are located. Trustee Patterson explained the various monument markers and the cost per marker. Trustee Patterson will contact Surveyors for an estimate to survey the cemetery.

D. Resolution for cemetery fees. Trustee Patterson read a resolution to set the fees for burial plots and cemetery management fees. After a lengthy discussion about plot purchase prices for Resident, Non-Resident, Military Veterans and Disabled Military Veterans, Trustee Patterson stated he would revise the fees of the resolution and post them on our website for public comment. It was stated that in case of a family hardship the Bearinger Township Board would call a special meeting to determine the cost of a grave site. The revised resolution will be presented at our next meeting.

Public Comment **Robert Kennedy,** Democrat candidate for State Representative of the 106th District stated his platform for the 106th District and our local governments. Mr. Kennedy was born in Alcona County and grew up in Oscoda. After attending Alpena Community College and graduating from Michigan State University he returned to Oscoda where he taught school for 38 years. He presently lives in Harrisville and is looking forward to being elected and serve as the State Representative for the 106th District.

Anna Mero commented that we should keep the plans for the Bearinger Cemetery as simple and uncomplicated as possible.

Bob Hartmann asked what part of Bluffs Highway was going to be repaired. Supervisor Malaski described the section of Bluffs Highway scheduled for repair.

Being no further comments, Keitha Malaski made a motion to adjourn; John G. Malaski seconded the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

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

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk