

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway  
Millersburg, Michigan  
November 11, 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, Supervisor John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto and Trustees Kay Dowker and Archie J. Patterson II. Property Owners in attendance were Nancy Shutes, Jim McKindles, Doug Phelps, Bob Hartmann, Anna Mero, Byron “Bud” Delong, Edna and Gilbert “Red” Bedell.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Kay Dowker to approve the agenda, supported by Archie Patterson. Five aye votes, no nays. Motion carried

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Five aye votes, no nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** **October 14, 2014 Minutes.** Motion was made by K. Dowker and supported by Archie Patterson to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes. Five ayes votes, no nays. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Clerk Rossetto reported that two (2) letters were received:

1. Department of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs requests the completion of a survey to determine positive or negative issues with cable providers.
2. AT&T has returned the signed agreement for the Metro Act Right Of Way permit.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Keitha Malaski reported that summer taxes are still trickling in almost daily. Transfers were made from General Fund Savings for the amended cemetery budget and from the EMS Money Market for the October 2014 contribution to the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department. Following are the account balances ended October 31, 2014

1. General Fund - Savings Account	\$164,441.23
2. General Fund - Checking Account	8,873.19
3. CD (Savings) Account	104,611.50
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>15,544.51</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$293,470.43

**Clerk’s Report:** Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the October 2014 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Amended Budget Report ending October 31, 2014 were available. Clerk Rossetto stated that 210 (70%) of our register voters voted in the election held November 4, 2014. Correspondence has been sent to State of Michigan Department of Treasury addressing the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. An ad will appear this week in the Advance and Outlook Newspapers requesting sealed bids for snow removal for the township hall parking lot.

**Assessor’s Report:** Supervisor John Malaski read the Assessors report. The Michigan State Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be 1.6%. Assessor Trevor Most has been working on deeds and getting PRE’s ready for the county export. He is getting the March Board of Review schedule ready. There have been a few requests for record cards and misc. information since his last report.

**Trustees' Report:** Trustee Dowker gave the Onaway Area Ambulance Service report for the October 22, 2014 meeting. Three sprinklers are needed for the new addition, one for each bedroom and the hallway. The ground has to be graded to avoid water damage problems. It was reported that the Medical Control wants to divide the northern lower state into three major hospitals; this would mean that all ambulance runs would have to go to Alpena. The new ambulance takes 220 days to deliver.

Trustee Patterson reported that Rogers City Ambulance Authority has a special meeting scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Patterson stated that a re-interment took place at the cemetery November 7, 2014. Infant Wait was laid to rest at the foot of her father's grave.

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor J.G. Malaski stated we are looking for someone to do the township hall snowplowing because Mr. Northcott is retiring. Northcott excavating will continue to give us service until we can find another company.

**Old Business: Winter Newsletter** – Archie Patterson motioned that the 2014 Newsletter be approved and mailed with the winter taxes. Kay Dowker supported the motion. Five ayes votes, no nays. Motion carried.

**New Business: Township Meeting dates for 2015** – There was a brief discussion about having daytime meetings so the Assessor could attend township meetings. Motion was made by Keitha Malaski to set January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 meetings for 1:00 pm, all other monthly meetings for 2015 will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five aye votes, no nays. Motion carried.

**Public comments:** Bob Hartmann asked what is the Swamp Tax and what is it for. Supervisor Malaski explained that it is a small amount of money that the township receives for the state owned property in the township.

Edna Bedell questioned the stopping of Large Trash Day and what are the tax payers to do when disposing of large items. Anna Mero agreed with Mrs. Bedell and feels this is a good service for property owners. Supervisor Malaski explained some of the problems that occurred and that we cannot get volunteers to work. If anyone got hurt we would have a huge liability problem. Large Items can be taken to PAC for disposal for a small fee. Keitha Malaski stated that we suspended Large Item Day to gather input from property owners. The Winter Newsletter asked that property owners let us know their opinions. Edna Bedell and Anna Mero both stated that we should hire people to work the six hours of Large Item Day.

Byron DeLong inquired, does the insurance we carry now cover liability. Our Insurance policy doesn't cover liabilities for special events.

Next regular Township Board meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Kay Dowker that this meeting be adjourned. Five aye votes, no nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7: 23 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk