

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
Corrected May 13, 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, Trustees Archie Patterson II and Kay Dowker, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto and Supervisor John G. Malaski. Property Owners in attendance were Bob and Sue Hartmann, Anna ~~Meno~~-MERO, Ron Dulac, Mary and Andy Barbalas, Karen and James Tucker, Irv Dedow, Doug Phelps, Nancy Shutes, and Barbara Knight.

Approval of Agenda: Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Archie Patterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills, the motion was supported by Kay Dowker. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the April 8, 2014 regular board meeting minutes, Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the minutes, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Malaski received a letter from Dockside Printing of Rogers City, requesting a donation for an ad to benefit the County Fair. We do not make this type of donations. Clerk Rossetto received a letter from FEMA with information regarding a meeting that was held in Cheboygan, May 7, 2014, to discuss local flood risk conditions and coastal land use. Supervisor Malaski received a letter from State of Michigan Department of Treasury informing us that our local unit has been selected to be reviewed as part of the 2013/14 new Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR). Supervisor Malaski sent a copy of this letter to our Assessor, Trevor Most, who will be involved in the audit.

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

1.General Fund - Savings Account	\$193,717.98
2.General Fund – Checking Account	3,921.49
3.CD (Savings) Account	104,297.40
4.EMS Money Market Account	<u>63,246.49</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$365,183.36

Treasurer Malaski presented a copy of the Summer Newsletter to each Board Member and asked that they review it and if there were any changes or additions to please contact her as soon as possible.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the April 2014 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending April 30, 2014 are available.

Clerk Rossetto read the ad for “Large Item Day/Annual Clean Up” that will be held at the Township Hall on June 14, 2014, 9 am to 3 pm. The ad will appear in the Advance and Outlook Newspapers, June 5 & 6, 2014 and June 12 & 13, 2014.

Assessor’s Report: Treasure Keitha Malaski read the written Assessor’s report. Mr. Most has been working with the county equalization to streamline the reports that are required. He has attended a continuing education class on utilizing data and incorporating it into usable maps. Mr. Most is prepared for the AMAR audit and sees this as a good tool to make sure he has not overlooked something.

Trustees’ Report: Trustee Patterson ~~read~~ GAVE the ~~Allied Ambulance Authority~~ ROGERS CITY AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY minutes of April 9, 2014. Losses were forecasted for March/April because of the drop in the number of transports to the hospital. The Rogers City Dialysis Center is not open yet and is waiting for a State license. They have tested the equipment on a patient as part of their certification process.

Kay Dowker read the Onaway Ambulance minutes of March 26, 2014 and April 25, 2014. They are looking into a simple IRA for the employees; by the April meeting six employees have signed up for the IRA and others are asking questions about it. The Ambulance Board is looking into the cost of adding another bedroom and making the existing one warmer, heating ducts need to be rerouted.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Malaski thanked Irv Dedow for his time and effort to fix the Hall window blinds.

Old Business: Window Blinds: Since the Hall window blinds have been repaired; Keitha Malaski made a motion to table the previous motion of April 8, 2014 to dispose of the Hall window blinds. Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

New Business: **Elections:** Bearinger Township has two (2) Elections this year, August 5, 2014 Primary and November 5, 2014 General Election. If anyone needs an absentee ballot they should call the Clerk and she will put them on a list and mail them absentee ballot applications in July. Election Inspector training will be in July, we have six (6) people that need to be re-certified and four (4) new people that need to be certified.

Road Improvements: Supervisor Malaski gave a brief description of his meeting and road tour with County Road Commissioner Jerry Smigelski. The Road Commissioner gave an estimate cost for repairs of three (3) of the roads. They are Bluffs Highway, Balch Road (where the Culverts washed out this spring) and Ocqueoc Lake Road. Supervisor Malaski explained that the County’s share of the cost is 25% and that the Township is responsible for 75% of the cost. We have \$25,000.00 budgeted for road maintenance. Trustee Patterson talked about the different Public Acts that address the fixing of roads. After a very lengthy discussion, including, comments and concerns from the citizens in attendance. Kay Dowker made a motion to do the road repairs on Bluffs Highway (\$4,300.00) and Balch Road (\$18,750.00), Keitha Malaski supported the motion. Roll call vote: Archie Patterson – no, Keitha Malaski – yes, Kay Dowker – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

Ron Dulac would like to have a recommendation from the Road Commissioner regarding future repair on Bluffs Highway including an estimate of cost and the time frame of the project. Supervisor Malaski will contact the County Road Commissioner and set up a meeting for the property owners on Bluffs Highway.

Trustee Patterson stated that he does not think any of the roads should be repaired; he feels that the citizens that live on these roads should pay. Supervisor Malaski replied that only a few houses are on Balch Road but many township people use the road that don't live on the road.

Public Comment Irv Dedow stated that he thinks that the Road Commission did a half-baked job on the Balch Road project and that the costs of the repairs are too high.

Ron Dulac talked about the forest fire that occurred on Mother's Day weekend that burned over four acres. He said it is a secure feeling to know that we have Fire Departments that respond so quickly.

John Malaski talked about the three alarm fire on North River Road that destroyed a log home. Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department received mutual aid from Roger City and Case Township Fire Departments.

Being no further comments, Kay Dowker made a motion to adjourn, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk