

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
July 8, 2014

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 and guests in attendance were Barb Knight, Bill and Barb Davis, Doug and Gale Phelps, Nancy Shutes, Jim McKindles, Irv Dedow, Pat Silvers and Anna Mero.

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 June 10, 2014 regular board meeting minutes, Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the minutes, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto received correspondences from: State of Michigan Public Service Commission regarding Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op public hearing July 29, 2014 in Lansing, MI.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Malaski reported that the summer tax bills were mailed June 30, 2014. Treasurer Malaski stated that at the Presque Isle Township Officers Association meeting the County Treasurer had explained that in the future the township may be required to cover some of the cost of foreclosure properties. The financial report for June 2014 was presented; the June balance of each account follows:

1. General Fund - Savings Account	\$187,987.37
2. General Fund – Checking Account	7,098.88
3. CD (Savings) Account	104,401.99
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>39,394.42</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$338,882.66

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

Assessor's Report: No Assessor's report was received for this month.

Trustee's Report: Archie J. Patterson II gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority meeting held June 11, 2014. Trustee Patterson explained the summary of activities for the months of April and May 2014. One of the ambulance units will be replaced at the estimated cost of \$170,000.00. The Authority held a budget planning open meeting June 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm. The next regular Authority meeting will be held August 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Kay Dowker gave the Onaway Area Ambulance Service report for the May 28, 2014 and June 25, 2014 meetings. It has been three (3) years since the purchase of the last ambulance and they are checking costs to purchase another ambulance this year. A new HP computer has been purchased and it does not accept some of the information that the employees input, the HP representative has been contacted to

correct the problem. The addition of two bedrooms and a bath needs to be drawn up by an architect and a new furnace is needed.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski attended the July 1, 2014 Presque Isle Township Officers Association meeting where the Road Commissioner detailed the county's policy of dust control of township roads. The county will absorb the cost of one brine dust control treatment per year and future treatments will need to be authorized by the township and billed to the townships.

Supervisor Malaski reported that the road gravel project on Bluffs Highway has been completed and it was treated with the brine dust control.

Old Business: **A. Cemetery Survey** - Trustee Patterson has tried to contact various Surveyors in Onaway, Rogers City and Cheboygan; only two surveyors have responded (one from Cheboygan and one from Onaway). Trustee Patterson explained that we need to have the four corners of the cemetery marked with proper survey markers and all unmarked grave sights need to be surveyed and marked with flat metal markers (approximately 200 markers @ \$3.75). He has contacted various cemeteries about their cost of grave sights and burial fees.

B. Cemetery Resolution – A Cemetery Resolution will be presented at the next regular board meeting, August 12, 2014.

New Business: No New Business

Public Comment Irv Dedow advised the board to be cautious about the brine treatment of roads because salt/brine is a pollutant.

Gale Phelps questioned how the Fire Department First Responders are paid and how it was stated in the newsletter. Pat Silver explained that there are volunteers, paid on call, and professional Fire Fighters and First Responders. Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department is considered a paid on call department.

Nancy Shutes questioned about the cemetery lot that was sold for \$200.00. Trustee Patterson stated that there is a receipt written in 2012 for that amount.

Barb Knight agrees with Irv Dedow about the brine treatment of the roads, brine is a pollutant.

Irv Dedow spoke about the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board meeting and requested that the township board contact our attorney for advice about the Fire Department becoming an authority.

Jim McKindles read a letter about the repair of county/township roads and how the funding of these repairs should be the responsibility of the motorist not the land owners.

Bill and Barb Davis agreed with Jim McKindles statement about the roads and Bill Davis asked how much the current road repairs cost.

Being no further comments, Keitha Malaski made a motion to adjourn; Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk