

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
February 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 and guests in attendance were Doug Phelps, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles, Irv Dedow, Byron DeLong and Larry Beach.

Approval of Agenda: Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the agenda, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Kay Dowker and seconded by Archie Patterson to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Approval of Minutes: Archie Patterson requested that the spelling of his last name be corrected. Motion made by Beverly Rossetto that the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting be approved as corrected, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Being no objections the motion was declared approved by Supervisor J.G. Malaski.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence was received from the Michigan Township Association Political Action Committee requesting a donation. Trustee Patterson pointed out that we do not make donations to any committees.

Correspondence was received from Up North Prevention proclaiming April as “Social Host Awareness Month.”

Correspondence from Munetrix Citizens’ Guide to Finances explaining their website that provides detailed fiscal data for township in graphic and easy to understand format.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Keitha Malaski stated that \$15,000.00 of the Summer Taxes has not been paid. \$690,382.00 (about 70%) of the Winter Taxes has been paid and deposited leaving an unpaid balance of \$243,000.00. Fund balances ended January 31, 2014 were:

1. General Fund - Savings Account	\$126,658.26
2. General Fund – Checking Account	8,029.18
3. CD (Savings) Account	104,143.28
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>63,231.07</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$302,061.79

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the January 2014 Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending January 31, 2014 were available. Clerk Rossetto displayed the clip and save ad of the townships 2014 meeting dates that were published in the Presque Isle newspapers January 9 & 10, 2014.

Assessor’s Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski presented a request from the Assessor for \$500.00 for postage needed for mailing of property assessments.

Trustees' Report: Trustee Dowker read the Onaway Area Ambulance Service minutes of January 22, 2014. The revenues are solid and there is enough money saved for the building addition and a new ambulance (when one is needed). Trustee Dowker presented the Ambulance Services 2014 – 2015 budget and asked for our Township approval. Clerk Rossetto made a motion that the Onaway Area Ambulance Service budget be approved, Treasurer Malaski seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Trustee Patterson reported that the Rogers City Ambulance Authority meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2014 and he will have a report for our March meeting.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor J.G. Malaski clarified that there is nothing in the General Policy Manual of Bearinger Township that states a property owner must provide a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to receive a tax receipt; this Board does follow the guidelines of the General Policy Manual. Supervisor Malaski read information from Michigan Township Insights regarding Governor Rick Snyder proposed State of Michigan budget for 2014 -2015. The State of Michigan budget provides funding for transportation but not for local roads. There are changes in the Tax revenue Swamp and Use Tax and the Qualified Forest Property Program; these changes are still undetermined as to how it will affect the amount that our township will be receiving. The State of Michigan does provide funding levels for fire protection grants, Firefighters Support Foundation also offers grants to allow fire and rescue departments to purchase needed equipment.

Old Business: The Board of Revenue member's organizational meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th at 2:30 pm. The Board of Revenue will meet Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 9 am – 3 pm and Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 3pm – 9 pm Other Board of Review meetings this year are scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 2:30 pm. and December 9, 2014 at 2:30 pm.

New Business: **File Cabinets** Clerk Rossetto presented three prices she has obtained for purchase of two vertical locking file cabinets and asked that we delay any decisions until she can investigate further prices.

Meals for Board of Revenue and Election Workers Trustee Patterson moved to support the sum of \$450.00 for the year for providing meals for Board of Revenue members and Election Day workers, Trustee Dowker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – yes, Archie J. Patterson – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

Audit CPA Clerk Rossetto presented the offers from Johnson & Schulze in Alpena and J.W. Kieliszewski in Rogers City. Clerk Rossetto moved to accept J.W. Kieliszewski for the audit ended March 31, 2014. Archie J. Patterson supported the motion. Roll call vote: Archie Patterson – yes, Kay Dowker – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

Hall Window Curtains Supervisor Malaski stated that the window curtains are old and badly stained and that he would like permission to purchase new curtains, the estimated cost would be about \$12.00 each for the four windows. Archie Patterson moved to allow up to a total of \$50.00 for the purchase of new window curtains. John Malaski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – yes, Archie Patterson- yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution – Millage Clerk Rossetto read the complete Resolution for the Millage Proposition for Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services. It was moved by Keitha Malaski and supported by Kay Dowker that the resolution be adopted. Those voting aye: Kay Dowker, Keitha Malaski, Archie Patterson, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Clerk Rossetto announced that the resolution and ballot wording authorizing placement of a millage proposal on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 5, 2014 was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

Resolution – Poverty Exemption Policy for 2014 Clerk Rossetto read the Bearinger Township Poverty Exemption Resolution that is required by the Bearinger Township Board. The resolution contains the requirements and asset guidelines to be considered for a poverty exemption on an annual basis. These income guidelines are defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. It was moved by Kay Dowker and supported by Archie J. Patterson II that the Bearinger Township Poverty Exemption Resolution for 2014 be adopted. Those voting aye: Archie J. Patterson II., Beverly Rossetto, Kay Dowker, Keitha Malaski and John Rossetto. Nay votes none. Supervisor John G. Malaski declared the resolution adopted.

Public Comment Irv Dedow stated that he did not like the Poverty Exemption Resolution and that he would not support it. Mr. Dedow questioned why the Onaway Ambulance Service needed an addition to the building, Trustee Dowker explained that the station only has one bedroom and they have both male and female EMT's therefore, a second bedroom must be added as required by law.

Nancy Shutes requested a copy of the Fire Departments Preliminary Budget, Clerk Rossetto will give her a copy at the end of this meeting.

James McKindles thanked Archie for his research of Public Act 2 of 1969. Mr. McKindles wants to know why pop and water is kept in the refrigerator, it was explained that Supervisor Malaski personally provides the pop and water for anyone's use at the Hall.

Nancy Shutes questioned the budgeted attorney fee retainer, it was explained that the annual fee for 2014 – 2015 will be due by the end of March 2014. Nancy also commented on the electric bill.

Being no further comments, Kay Dowker moved and Keitha Malaski supported that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk