

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
October 14, 2014

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present for the meeting were Supervisor John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Trustees Kay Dowker and Archie J. Patterson II. Property owners in attendance were Ron Dulak, Anna Mero, John Tierney, Todd Willy, Bob Hartmann, David Cowper and Barbara Knight.

Approval of Agenda: Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the agenda, Archie Patterson seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

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

Approval of Minutes: After review of the September 9, 2014 regular board meeting minutes, Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the minutes, Keitha Malaski supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto received correspondence from: 1. AT&T requesting that the existing METRO Act Permit issued by the Township of Bearinger be extended. The extension is for a term to end on October 31, 2019. Keitha Malaski made a motion to extend the agreement, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

2. Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs regarding building codes.
3. Michigan Public Service Commission Public Hearing October 8, 2014 in Lansing, Michigan.
4. Metlife regarding the annual reporting and disclosure for ERISA Plans (Form 5500). Clerk Rossetto contacted Lappan Insurance Agency and was informed that municipalities were exempted from this reporting.
5. A presentation regarding the reasons and benefits of recycling will be held October 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Rogers City Area Senior Center.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Malaski reported the amount of taxes that has been collected and the amount that has not been paid. Although the summer taxes due date has lapsed she will still be receiving summer taxes until the winter taxes due date has ended. She explained that every two weeks of the year the Township Treasurer is required to make a settlement with County Treasurer.

Following are the account balances ended September 30, 2014:

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| 1.General Fund - Savings Account | \$167,413.00 |
| 2. General Fund – Checking Account | 13,287.28 |
| 3. CD (Savings) Account | 104,559.95 |
| 4. EMS Money Market Account | <u>39,399.38</u> |
| Total (All Accounts) | \$324,659.61 |

Treasurer Malaski announced that she is preparing the Winter 2014 Newsletter and asked the board members if they have anything to add to the letter to contact her as soon as possible.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Standard Budget Report ending August 31, 2014 are available. The Election Commissioners met prior to this meeting to appoint Chairpersons, Election Inspectors, a Receiving Board and a witness to certify the Public Accuracy Test on September 15, 2014.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Malaski read the Assessor's September Report. Mr. Most has been working on deeds, preliminary sales studies and building permits. He has not heard anything back about the AMAR audit.

Trustee's Report: Archie J. Patterson II gave the financial reports and the summary of activities of the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority (RCAAA) for the months of June, July, August and September. Trustee Patterson reported that Emmet County Board of Commissioners does not plan to renew its contract with Allied EMS Systems. This action will impact the overhead cost for Allied EMS Systems. Allied's board will meet to come up with a restructuring plan and will present it at a special RCAAA meeting November 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Kay Dowker gave the Onaway Area Ambulance Service report for the September 24, 2014 meeting. The new ambulance has been ordered, and a \$53,000. deposit has been sent. Onaway Area Ambulance Employees Fund gave \$6,450 toward the new power cot.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski read a letter from Road Commissioner Jerry Smigelski regarding a Public Hearing at 9:00 am October 20, 2014. Supervisor Malaski will attend this hearing to get information and see what we can do for our roads.

Old Business: **Citizen Road Committee** has had two meetings. They will make a list of what is needed to repair Bluffs Highway and Silver Beach Road. This information will be sent to the property owners to see if there is support for improving the roads. Soil borings and an evaluation of the soil under Bluffs Highway are needed to compile this list. The estimated cost to be cover by the township is \$3,000.00. Archie Patterson stated that he did not support spending the money if it did not benefit the whole township. John Malaski replied that property owners in the Bluffs Highway area should benefit from the taxes they pay and the soil borings are needed to determine the total cost for a special assessment. Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the soil boring tests needed, Beverly Rossetto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Archie Patterson – No, Kay Dowker – Yes, Keitha Malaski – Yes, John Malaski – Yes and Beverly Rossetto – Yes. One No vote, Four Yes votes, Motion carried. Trustee Patterson commended the Citizen Road Committee for the time and effort they have given this project.

New Business: **Large Item Trash Day**, Supervisor Malaski suggested that we suspend Large Item Trash Day held in July. He talked about the liability if anyone got hurt and the problem of getting people to work. If we had a contract with PAC to use their employees the cost would jump considerably. It was suggested that we suspend Large Item Trash Day for 2015 and see what the response to this action is. Keitha Malaski made a motion that we not sponsor the Large Item Trash Day for the year 2015. Kay Dowker Seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Cemetery: Sexton Patterson reported that the markers have arrived and the surveyors will install them when it stops raining. The excavator, Bill Hitchcock will move the large pile of dirt and smooth it out for an estimated \$100.00. Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the cost to remove the dirt, Kay Dowker supported the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – Yes, Keitha Malaski – Yes, Archie Patterson – Yes, Beverly Rossetto – Yes and John Malaski – yes. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Barb Knight commented on the Large Item Trash Day and feels this is a good service for the community. Anna Mero agreed with Barb Knight and said people will be dumping large items along the roads.

Barb Knight asked about the soil borings test and feels the County Road Commission should be paying more. John Malaski explained that two years ago the Road Commission changed the percentage the Road Commission would pay to 25%.

Being no further comments, Keitha Malaski made a motion to adjourn, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Bearinger Township Clerk