

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway  
Millersburg, Michigan  
January 13, 2015

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, Trustee Archie J. Patterson II and Assessor Trever Most. Trustee Kay Dowker absent. Property Owners in attendance were Emilie & Tom Stawiarski, Irv Dedow, Dave Cowper, Bob Hartmann, Jim McKindles and Doris Parker

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Archie Patterson to approve the agenda, supported by Keitha Malaski. Four aye votes, no nays. Motion carried.

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

**Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2014 Minutes.** Motion was made by Keitha Malaski and supported by Archie Patterson to approve the December 9, 2014 minutes. Four ayes votes, no nays. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Clerk Rossetto reported that four (4) letters were received:

1. Presque Isle Electric & Gas requesting updated information for township official's mailings. Bearinger Township is in need of a Liaison Board Representative for PIE&G; Tom Stawiarski volunteered and was appointed to the position.
2. Michigan Township Association requesting our membership to the MTA Political Action Committee. Bearinger Township has never been a member of the PAC.
3. Michigan Township Association reminder of the Annual Conference being held in Grand Rapids, MI, January 25, 2015.
4. Michigan Bureau of Construction regarding Electrical Code Rules.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Keitha Malaski reported that winter taxes are coming in heavily. Many people had paid by the end of 2014. As of January 7, 2015, \$200,000.00 has been collected and deposited. Following are the Bearinger Township account balances ended December 31, 2014:

1. General Fund - Savings Account	\$134,518.99
2. General Fund - Checking Account	9,570.51
3. CD (Savings) Account	104,716.43
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>15,545.81</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$264,351.74

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the December 2014 Minutes, Check Register, Balance Sheet and the Amended Budget Report ending December 31, 2014 are available.

**Assessor's Report:** Trevor Most reported that the state sales studies are in and shows 49.65% of assessed value, the counties multipliers are a little higher. In 2014 there were thirteen (13) sales and seven (7) building permits issued. Board of review was held December 9, 2014, there were five (5) requests for reviews. Treasurer Malaski and Assessor Most had a brief discussion regarding the Board of Review and the timely recalculations of property taxes.

**Trustee's Report:** Trustee Patterson reported that the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority has met five (5) times in an attempt to resolve the Allied Ambulance problem. The RCAA is negotiating terms with Cheboygan Life Support Systems to take over when the Allied contract is terminated.

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor J.G. Malaski has no report for this meeting.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** **Board of Review Members.** Supervisor Malaski recommended Henry Filipowski, Donald Matthews, Thomas Harkleroad, Byron Delong and Irvin Dedow as Chairman for the Board of Review members to serve for 2015 – 2016. Archie Patterson made a motion to approve the recommended names, John Malaski seconded the motion. Four yes votes, motion carried. Assessor Trevor Most stated that he is working on dates for the 2015 Board of Review meetings.

**Advance Board of Review Training.** Supervisor Malaski presented information about MTA training in Alpena, MI, February 25, 2015 for Irv Dedow, Don Matthews, Hank Filipowski and John Malaski. Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve this training for Board of Review members. Archie Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Archie Patterson – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Preliminary Budget 2015-2016.** After review of the proposed budget, Archie Patterson suggested bring the budget to under \$100,000.00, and that the Capital Equipment Fund, Vehicle Traction Gear and ORV Curtain should be removed. A lengthy discussion followed about supporting the Fire Department with the township general fund account and that we have no fire millage. John Malaski stated that we must support the Fire Department. Clerk Rossetto announced that the preliminary budget has been sent to Ocqueoc Township for their review and that there will be a tri-board meeting at the Fire Station, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt a Fire Department budget.

**Public comments:** Irv Dedow suggested that there should be a procedure manual for each official's job. Treasurer Malaski stated that she has a written log of things that has to be done.

- Emilie Stawiarski,   1. Thinks there should be a job description for a person that wants to run for a township office.  
                              2. She wants to see the township support the Fire Department budget.

Jim McKindles thanked Archie Patterson for all the work that has been done to resolve the RCAA and Allied problem.

Dave Cowper asked about the results of the road testing on Bluffs Highway. Supervisor Malaski replied that the tests were worse than expected.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Keitha Malaski and seconded by Archie Patterson that this meeting be adjourned. Four aye votes, no nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

*Beverly Rossetto*

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk