

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
March 10, 2015

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, Supervisor John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto and Trustee Archie J. Patterson II, Trustee Kay Dowker was absent. Others in attendance were Bob Hartmann, Anna Mero, Gwen Sutton, Herb Dowker, Duane Walker, Dave Cowper, Gale and Doug Phelps, Phil Shishmian, Irv Dedow, Mary and Richard Taylor, Emilie Stawiarski, Irene Seelye, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles, Cynthia and Don Matthews.

Approval of Agenda: Beverly Rossetto made a motion to approve the agenda, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Keitha Malaski to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the February 10, 2015 regular board meeting minutes and the minutes of the Special Assessment District meeting/public hearing held February 24, 2015, Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the minutes, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Public Hearing Budget Meeting: Supervisor J.G. Malaski recessed the regular board meeting at 6:35 pm and called the public hearing budget meeting to order. The township board reviewed and discussed line item of the proposed 2015/2016 budget.

Public Comment on 2014/2015 Budget: Herb Dowker thinks the DNR should pay the township for the land used for trails. Irene Seelye thinks Archie Patterson has some good ideas regarding revenue versus estimated expenses. Irene also commented on the fire department budget. Doug Phelps stated that the fire department budget is down this year and the township budget is up. Nancy Shutes thinks the township budget should be less. Gale Phelps talked about the Fire Department Tri-Board meeting. Duane Walker stated that a balanced budget is needed.

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board Budget Resolution: Clerk Rossetto read Resolution #005-2015 to adopt Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department Budget for 2015/2016; the resolution was offered by Beverly Rossetto and supported by Keitha Malaski. Roll call vote: Archie J. Patterson II – no, Beverly Rossetto – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. Three yes votes, one no vote, the Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Bearinger Township Budget Resolution: Clerk Rossetto read Resolution #006-2015 to adopt Bearinger Township's Budget for 2015/2016; the resolution was offered by Beverly Rossetto and supported by Keitha Malaski. Roll call vote: Archie J. Patterson II – no, Beverly Rossetto – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes and John G. Malaski – yes. Three yes votes, one no vote, the Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion made by Keitha Malaski and supported by Beverly Rossetto that the public hearing budget meeting be adjourned. Four yes votes; Public Hearing adjourned at 7:05 pm and the regular board meeting of March 10, 2015 was resumed.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that the following correspondence has been received:

1. PIE&G, regarding gas rates effective April 1, 2015.
2. Hank Filipowski resignation letter from the Board of Review.
3. Presque Isle County Township Association meeting April 7, 2015.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Keitha Malaski gave account balances and stated that the tax roll has been turned in to the county treasurer’s office and a report will be made next month on all final settlement numbers. Fund balances ended February 28, 2015 were:

1.General Fund - Savings Account	\$144,948.56
2.General Fund – Checking Account	12,511.67
3.CD (Savings) Account	104,823.17
4.EMS Money Market Account	<u>15,547.07</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$277,830.47

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the February 2015 check register, balance sheet and the standard budget report ending February 28, 2015 were available. The state wide election will be held May 5, 2015. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the township clerk.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Malaski explained that the higher assessments this year was done by the state of Michigan. Board of Review organizational meeting was held March 3, 2015 and the first public meeting was held today, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The next Board of Review meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015, 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Trustee’s Report: Archie Patterson stated that the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority are still negotiating the problems with Allied. The authority has a meeting scheduled for March 11, 2015.

Trustee Patterson explained the Special Assessment District Area Calculations as follows:

	<u>Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Acres/Sq. Mills</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Bearinger Township area	63.6	640	40,704.00
State and DNR Land			13,502.00
Mich. State Water Way Comm.			20.00
Bearinger Township			4.00
Remaining area			27,178.45
10% of area threshold			2,717.45
Current Objectors			3,217.45
Difference			-499.65

Results: Special Assessment District failed.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Grants Maintenance contract. Clerk Rossetto read a letter from Grants Maintenance requesting an increase of \$25.00 per month for a total monthly contract of \$200.00 per month. Motion was made by Keitha Malaski to approve the increase, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Roll call vote: Keitha Malaski – yes, Archie Patterson – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act, Clerk Rossetto read resolution #007-2015 regarding the fee structure use by the Freedom of Information Act coordinator and the appointment of Clerk Rossetto as the FOIA Coordinator. Motion was offered by Keitha Malaski and supported by Beverly Rossetto. Roll call vote: Archie Patterson - yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Resolution adopted March 10, 2015

Public Comment: Irv Dedow questioned when the contract with Allied Ambulance Service ended, Archie Patterson replied April 13, 2015. Nancy Shutes quoted numbers from the budget and said it should be cut. Gale Phelps commented about the sheriff’s department being in attendance. Herb Dowker thinks there should be a weapons check at the entrance. Anna Mero does not agree with the two minute limit for public comments. Phil Shishmian stated that Robert’s Rules of Order should be used for open meetings. Jim McKindles talked about Robert’s Rules of Order. Duane Walker thanked Archie Patterson for all the work he did for the Special Assessment District calculations. Richard Taylor talked about the budgets and said everyone should live within their income.

Being no further comments, Keitha Malaski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk