

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
August 11, 2015
CORRECTED

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, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski and Trustee Archie J. Patterson II and Trustee Kay Dowker. Others in attendance were Duane Walker, Barbara Knight, Irv Dedow, James McKindles, Nancy Shutes, Patricia Augustine, Barbara Liddle, Gwen Sutton and Douglas Phelps.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: After review of the July 14, 2015 regular board meeting minutes, Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the minutes, Archie Patterson seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence was received from:

1. MTA-PAC requesting a donation for the political action Committee, it was stated that Bearinger Township does not make donation to any political groups. Archie Patterson explained that Michigan Township Association and the MTA Political Action Committee were two different organizations.
2. Michigan Dept. of Licensing – new rules for manufactured homes.
3. PIE&G annual meeting will be held October 23, 2015 at the Onaway High School.

Treasurer Stawiarski received information from MTA about the Township Treasurers’ Professional Development Retreat in Boyne Highlands, September 29 & 30, 2015. She has reviewed the agenda for the training and feels it would not benefit our township at this time.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave a summary of the July 2015 financial report. Fund balances ended July 31, 2015 were:

1. General Fund Savings Account	\$159,603.80
2. General Fund Checking Account	11,451.00
3. CD (Savings) Account	105,081.88
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>26,428.19</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$302,564.87

Treasurer Stawiarski informed the Board that the resolution of Investment and Depository Designation Resolution must be undated. Updates needed are financial institutions as depositories of township funds and Delegation of Authority. She has reviewed the retention schedule for tax information. Treasurer Stawiarski presented information about combining CD’s on their maturity dates for a higher rate of interest.

An email from the Michigan Forestry Service requesting that their information be posted on our website.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that copies of the July 14, 2015 minutes, check register, balance sheet and the standard budget report ending July 31, 2015 are available.

Clerk Rossetto talked about the new election equipment that will be required. We will still have paper ballot that will be marked by the voters, new tabulators and auto marks will be in some voting location as early as the August 2016 election. We will need to budget \$1,000.00 for this new equipment in our 2016 – 2017 Budget.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Malaski presented Assessor Lavender's report. The June Board of Review was held June 21, 2015, notices have been sent to property owners, County Equalization and the County Treasurer. Mr. Lavender has fielded various telephone calls and emails from property tax payers. Had the AMAR (Audit of minimum assessing requirements) with the State of Michigan August 11, 2015. Everything else is business as usual with standard data processing and fieldwork.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Dowker gave her report for the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held July 22, 2015. The Onaway Board received two bids for the new addition, they were high, and a motion was made to send letters to the contractors thanking them and inform them that the project would not be built at this time. A new air conditioner is needed and the furnace heat ducts need to be rerouted, the board will seek bids on this. The Board approved the changes in the benefit package.

Archie Patterson reported that the RCAA meeting is tomorrow night. As the new Treasurer he is now on the bank account but that Jerry Counterman still has the books.

As part of his report, Trustee Patterson brought up the subject of the sealing of the parking lot in May, he read excerpts from the Township's General Policy Manual regarding officer/employee expending money without board approval. Trustee Patterson accused Supervisor Malaski of contracting the parking lot sealing without Township Board approval and stated that this must not occur again. Therefore he made a motion that the Township Board acknowledges the contracting for the sealing of the parking lot violated the provisions of the Township's General Policy Manual and henceforth, all purchases and contracts done by Supervisor, John Malaski, must have prior Township Board voted approval. Treasurer Stawiarski seconded the motion. After discussion that the parking lot project had been brought up before, John Malaski asked Archie Patterson "what did he want to hear" and said he did wrongly authorize the contractor to do the work without board ~~approve~~ **approval** as he felt it was in the best interest of the township. Clerk Rossetto voted no, Archie Patterson, Emilie Stawiarski, Kay Dowker and John Malaski voted yes. Four yes votes and one no vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski stated that ~~he~~ **Archie Patterson** had received a call from Presque Isle County Zoning Administrator, Jim Zakshesky, informing the township that we would be cut off from county zoning in 63 days because of Ordinance #2015-001. Supervisor Malaski has contacted MTA and the State of Michigan regarding Section 10 (Zoning Power) this section cannot be removed from the ordinance. Supervisor Malaski also contacted Attorney MacArthur and was informed that the county was wrong and cannot remove the township from county zoning. Mr. MacArthur has tried to contact Presque Isle County Zoning and has received no response. Mr. MacArthur will send a letter to the Presque Isle County Prosecuting Attorney, Richard Steiger. Supervisor Malaski explained the reason and procedure to rescind Ordinance #2015-001.

Old Business: A. Attic insulation for township hall. Archie Patterson described the different types of vents that could be used and had bids from three different companies for this project. Archie Patterson made a motion to accept the bid of Building Express and approve up to \$1,500.00 for cost. Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, voting yes were Kay Dowker, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.

B. Rescind July 14, 2015 motion regarding Planning Commission members. Archie Patterson made a motion to rescind the motion that appointed Planning Commission members, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Rescind Ordinance 2015-001. Archie Patterson made a motion to rescind Ordinance #2015-001 to be covered with a motion/ordinance, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Four yes votes, One no vote, motion carried.

New Business: Clerk Rossetto read the resignation letter from Grant Godsey, of Grants Maintenance Service. Motion made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Emilie Stawiarski to accept his resignation. Motion made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Kay Dowker to place a want ad in the Presque Isle Newspaper seeking a new janitor service for the township hall and cemetery lawn care. Roll call vote. Voting yes, Kay Dowker, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Barbara Knight said that she may know someone interested in the janitor position and questioned if the township purchased the cleaning supplies.

Irv Dedow stated that the motion/ordinance rescinding Ordinance #2015-001 should be published in the newspaper.

Pat Augustine said she may know someone interested in the janitor position. She also thanked Supervisor Malaski for being the supervisor and said to him, you have done the best you can, it just was not enough for the citizens of Bearinger Township.

Nancy Shutes remarked that if the county did drop us from county zoning we would still be covered by state zoning.

Barbara Liddle questioned the CD's interest and loss of interest for early withdrawal.

Motion was made by Archie Patterson, seconded by Emilie Stawiarski to publish the motion/ordinance to rescind Ordinance #2015-001 in the Presque Isle Advance Newspaper. Roll call vote. Voting yes were Archie Patterson, Beverly Rossetto, Emilie Stawiarski, Kay Dowker and John Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Being no further comments, Beverly Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Archie Patterson. Five ayes votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk