

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
December 8, 2015 Minutes

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 Board Members, Supervisor John G. Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski and Trustees Archie J. Patterson II and Kay Dowker. Property owners in attendance were Doug Phelps, Duane Walker, Ray Stemple and Irv Dedow.

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 Kay Dowker, supported by Archie Patterson to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Rossetto stated that there was a typo in the October 13, 2015 minutes regarding the Treasurer's report and made a motion to correct the typo, the General Funds Saving should read \$154,368.77. Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

November 10, 2015 minutes, Clerk Rossetto stated that after the minutes were posted on our website that Treasurer Stawiarski noticed three typos which have been corrected for approval at this meeting. Supervisor Malaski indicated that the third item of Correspondence should read Michigan Dept. **of** Licensing and the next meeting date should be December **8**, 2015. Motion made by Kay Dowker, seconded by Emilie Stawiarski to approve the minutes as corrected. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto reported that correspondence was received from:

1. A survey regarding the updating of the April 2016 Directory of the Michigan State Bar.
2. Presque Isle County Officers Association meeting, January 5, 2016 at the Ocqueoc Township Hall. Speaker for this meeting will be Jim Klarich, Director of Economic Development in Alpena and Presque Isle Counties. 2016 Association Dues are \$25.00, Beverly Rossetto made a motion to pay the 2016 dues and Archie Patterson supported the motion. Roll call vote: voting yes were Archie Patterson, Kay Dowker, Emilie Stawiarski, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.
3. Emilie Stawiarski received a letter from the Cheboygan School District regarding the collection of school taxes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave a summary of the November 2015 financial report. Fund balances ending November 30, 2015 were:

1. General Fund Savings Account	150,351.28
2. General Fund Checking Account	1,601.66
3. CD (Savings) Account	105,294.53
4. EMS Money Market Account	<u>7,307.42</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$264,554.89

Treasurer Stawiarski informed the Board that 95.1% of the Summer Taxes have been received and processed. Winter taxes, 1,964 statements were mailed, 211 tax statements have been paid and there have

been thirteen changes of address. Next month she will have a report of the interest earned on the five year invested CD.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that copies of the November 10, 2015 minutes, the check register, balance sheet, and the amended budget report ending November 30, 2015 are available. Clerk Rossetto talked briefly about the Presidential Primary Election scheduled for March 8, 2016 and requested that if anyone needs an absentee ballot they should contact her by mid-January.

Trustee's Report: Kay Dowker gave the report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held November 18, 2015. At the October meeting North Allis had abstained from voting on the inter-local agreement, at this meeting North Allis approved the agreement. The existing building has been measured to see if it could be divided into two bedrooms and a kitchen, but it would be too butchered up. The committee will ask for sealed rebids from organizations that had bid previously. Bids must be received by December 15, 2015. OAAS is requesting a completion day of the new addition by September 30, 2016.

Archie Patterson will meet with the Cheboygan Life Support tomorrow, December 9, 2015 and reported he is now on the Board of Directors for the CLS.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Malaski gave Assessor Joe Lavender's report: Because of real-estate sales there have been changes of property values. Mr. Lavender is investigating two pole barns that he has not been able to access because of gated roads.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski stated that he is back from his vacation trip and that he had a good time.

Old Business: General Policy Manual. After a brief discussion, the board feels they need more time for review. The General Policy Manual will be an item on the January 12, 2016 agenda for a final decision.

New Business: Michigan Township Association 2016 Board of Review Training will be held in February 2016. To take advantage of the discounted rate of \$81.00, reservation must be made by January 12, 2016.

Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to allow up to five Board of Review members to attend at the discounted price, Kay Dowker supported the motion. Roll call vote: Voting yes were, Kay Dowker, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Snowplowing Service: Emilie Stawiarski presented bids from Todd Curtis, \$75.00 and Ken Hopp, \$70.00.

Supervisor Malaski was unable to contact Pete Maiani for a bid. Kay Dowker motioned to accept the bid of Ken Hopp, Emilie Stawiarski supported the motion. Ken Hopp will be contacted for a contract to snowplow the township parking lot for the 2015-2016 season when there is 2" of snow and use salt as needed at additional cost.

Resolution 2015-012: Clerk Rossetto read the resolution that will increase the Clerk's salary to \$10,000.00 per year, starting April 1, 2016. The resolution was offered by Archie Patterson and supported by Kay Dowker. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Kay Dowker, Archie Patterson, Emilie Stawiarski, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, the Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-013: Clerk Rossetto read the resolution that will increase the Supervisor's salary to \$8,500.00 per year, starting April 1, 2016. The resolution was offered by Archie Patterson and supported by Kay Dowker. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Kay Dowker, Archie Patterson, Emilie Stawiarski, Beverly Rossetto and John Malaski. Five yes votes, the Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Public Comment: Irv Dedow spoke about the damage that snowmobiles and four wheelers do to the township hall grounds and suggested that some type of fence be put up to discourage people from driving these vehicles on township property. After a brief discussion on this subject no decision was made regarding a fence.

Clerk Rossetto commented that a huge amount of work had been done at the cemetery and Robert Nichols and his son had taken away all the wood from the trees that had been trimmed and cut down. Clerk Rossetto thanked Irv Dedow and everyone who had donated their time and effort to clean up the cemetery.

Being no further comments, Archie Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kay Dowker. Five ayes votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk