

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
August 14, 2018 Minutes

Supervisor Patterson 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 Archie J. Patterson II, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski and Trustees Duane Walker and Patricia Frost. Others in attendance were Irv Dedow, Dave Cowper, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles and William Hiscock.

Approval of Agenda: Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Patricia Frost to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills for the month of July 2018, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

July 10, 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Patterson inquired if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Duane Walker stated that in the Trustee report the grants that are available are DNR grants. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave an activity report of the July 2018 financial statement. Fund balances ending July 31, 2018 were:

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$149,768.19
2.	General Fund Checking Account	225.49
3.	CD (Savings) Account	135,407.52
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>30,073.28</u>
	Total (All Accounts)	\$315,474.48

A tag report was presented giving a summary of income and expenses from April 1st through July 31st for fiscal year 2018/2019. Summer 2018 property taxes received to date are \$248,920.72 (41.35%). Treasurer Stawiarski gave a report on investment options for the Building Fund to earn a better interest rate. Irv Dedow stated that with on line banking that there are many other bank options, Nancy Shutes replied that we should invest in local banks. Treasurer Stawiarski will do further investigation and present it at our September meeting. Members of the board agreed by consensus with the Treasurer's decision.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the July 14, 2018 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending July 31, 2018 are available. On July 17, 2018 the new election equipment was picked up and nine Election Inspectors received new equipment training and Election Inspector training and are certified for two years. Four Election Inspectors received E Poll Book training on July 31, 2018. At the August 7, 2018 Primary Election there were 171 voters (48%). If anyone needs an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election they should contact the Township Clerk.

Assessor's Report: No Assessor's report.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a summary of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held July 25, 2018. Subscription money will be moved to Awakon Credit Union. Dallas Hyde reported that diesel engines are being eliminated in van chassis. No ambulance will be purchased this year but future ambulance will use gasoline engines. Dallas Hyde talked about FirstNet, an ATT service for emergency service personnel. In an emergency, enrolled telephones would get priority service for acquiring a cellular connection in the event that the cell tower site is overloaded. This is being rolled out in Michigan at this time and is slated to be a nationwide service.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave a summary of the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority financial status and the emergency runs report for the months of June and July 2018.

The Board of Review was held July 16, 2018. Corrections were approved. Old copies of the parcel records cards were discovered in the storage room and retention requirements are being checked.

The annual Big Trash Day was held July 21, 2018. This year, two compactor trucks and two dumpsters were filled. Sixty-four property owners utilized the event.

Supervisor Patterson attended a meeting in Gaylord, Michigan sponsored by State Senator Jim Stamas, Representative James Lower and Treasurer Nick Khouri concerning the proposed changes to Michigan assessing. Many attending the meeting felt the assessing changes are unnecessary.

Correspondence: Treasurer Stawiarski received a letter from Chemical Bank offering an extended Internet security program. Consensus of the Board was to not participate as it was felt it was the bank's job to protect the township data. Other correspondence was from a law firm that has been sending this notice for two years. It has been responded to twice and will not be responded to any further.

Clerk Rossetto received DEQ information regarding road repair of Grace Harbor Road. Presque Isle Township Officers Association, minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting and the agenda for the September 4, 2018 meeting were distributed to each board member. Michigan State Extension Program brochures were distributed to each board member.

Old Business: Approve Attorney Fee for Cemetery Ordinance review. Motion to approve the attorney fee was made by Archie Patterson and supported by Patricia Frost. Voting yes were, Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

New Business: A. Approve Supervisor's mileage to attend State Assessing Meeting in Gaylord, Michigan August 14, 2018. Motion made by Beverly Rossetto to approve mileage, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

B. Upgrade Website – ADA, GDPR, WCAG 2.0 DOJ enforcement. Supervisor Patterson explained the need for the upgrade. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to pay the \$200.00 for the upgrade, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

C. Noise Ordinance – Patricia Frost distributed information about Noise Ordinance and stated that two property owners had called her regarding noise on Lane 51 and the problem of people storing equipment on property they did not own. Trustee Frost has talked to the Presque Isle’s Sheriff’s Dept. about a Noise Ordinance and was told the Township needs its own Noise Ordinance. Supervisor Patterson distributed additional Noise Ordinance information. Nancy Shutes questioned where these complaints came from. Archie Patterson stated that he had talked to the property owners. Patricia Frost has advised the complaining owners to post No Trespassing signs on their property. After a lengthy discussion the Township Board made no motion regarding a Noise Ordinance.

D. Blight Ordinance – Patricia Frost explained the problems and produced pictures she had taken of blight in Bearinger Township. Supervisor Patterson stated that Presque Isle County does have a nuisance ordinance that addresses blight. He also distributed additional Blight Ordinance information. After discussion the Township Board made no motion regarding a Blight Ordinance.

E. Curfew Ordinance – Patricia Frost distributed copies of the Curfew Ordinance adopted by Rogers City regarding minors under the age of seventeen. Supervisor Patterson distributed additional Curfew Ordinance information. After a brief discussion the Township Board made no motion regarding a Curfew Ordinance.

F. Attorney Vogler’s bill for consultation on noise ordinance. Supervisor Patterson received a bill for a conference Mr. Vogler had with Beverly Rossetto regarding a Noise Ordinance. Beverly Rossetto stated that when the supervisor emailed the charges to her, she immediately called Mr. Vogler’s office and explained she was not the person who met with Mr. Vogler. Mr. Vogler’s Secretary stated that a mistake had been made and the \$25.00 consultation fee would be waived.

Public Comment: James McKindles thanked the board for addressing the ordinance issues brought before the Township Board at this meeting.

Being no further comments, Duane Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk