

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
October 9, 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, James McKindles, William Hiscock, Deb Rowsey and Annette & Tom Peterson.

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

Guess Speaker: Supervisor Patterson introduced Mike Libby, Building Official & Zoning Administrator of Presque Isle County. Mr. Libby stated that most of his time is spent doing building inspections of new construction. His other duties include Soil Erosion control problems along Lake Huron shoreline. Mr. Libby asked if anyone had questions that relate to his department. Irv Dedow ask about homes and structures being built without property surveys. Patricia Frost wanted to know how our township would benefit from having our own township ordinances. There was discussion about parking recreational vehicles on parcels of land less than 10 acres. Some mobile homes are grandfathered in, newer mobile homes must be on a foundation and hooked-up to utilities and septic fields. Questions were asked about the recreational marijuana proposal on the November election ballot, Mr. Libby informed everyone that the State of Michigan will regulate all operations of medical and recreational marijuana. A brief discussion was held as to how far back does the history of issuing permits go and how soil erosion can be controlled. Mr. Libby stated that he can't be everywhere in the county and that he can only address problems if they are reported to his office and supported with pictures. The Supervisor thanked Mr. Libby for attending our meeting.

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

September 11, 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Patterson inquired if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Hearing no corrections, Supervisor Patterson declared the minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave an activity report of the September 2018 financial statement. Fund balances ending September 30, 2018 were:

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| General Fund Savings Account | \$140,648.19 |
| General Fund Checking Account | 1,020.05 |
| CD (Savings) Account | 165,810.33 |
| Township Building Fund | <u>82.51</u> |
| Total (All Accounts) | \$307,561.08 |

A tag report was presented giving a summary of income and expenses from April 1st through September 30th for fiscal year 2018/2019. Summer 2018 property taxes received to date are \$561,339.66 (93.3%). On September 26, 2018 a \$30,000.00 Building Fund CD was opened at Chemical Bank, it is a seventeen month CD at 2.75% interest. The quarterly dividend from Calcite

Credit Union was \$56.76. Treasurer Stawiarski stated that she will not be in attendance at the November meeting but an October financial statement will be presented.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the September 11, 2018 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending September 30, 2018 are available. The Election Commission meeting was held prior to this meeting to appoint the Election Inspectors for the November 6, 2018 General Election. The F-65 has been filed with Lansing and the L4029 has been filed with Presque Isle County. As of today 81 absentee ballots have been mailed and 32 have been returned. If anyone needs an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election they should contact the Township Clerk. The Public Accuracy Test of the election equipment will be held October 24th at 1:00 pm at our Township Hall.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Frost stated that she would like to get some ordinances for Bearinger Township, mainly a Blight and Noise ordinance. She reported that she has contacted several Presque Isle County Townships regarding their ordinances. Trustee Frost has contacted MDOT and the DNR in Lansing seeking information about grants available for a Bike Trail in our township. Irv Dedow had some grant information that he presented. After a lengthy discussion concerning the cost of maintenance and liability of a Bike Trail no further action was taken by the board.

Trustee Walker gave a summary of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held September 26, 2018. Diane Lewis announced her retirement from the Case Township Board and this creates a vacancy on the OAAS board for the secretary/treasurer position. A motion passed to appoint Waverly Township member Becky Hyde to fill the position. The bank signature cards will have to be updated. The Subscription account will be transferred to Awakon Credit Union once the signature cards are updated. The OAAS policy manual will be updated. The purchase of two new laptops for the ambulance were approved. OAAS had a total of 54 runs. Trustee Walker reported that the repaving of County Road 489 has been completed.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Patterson read the Assessor's letter of resignation effective November 2, 2018. For the next 3 ½ weeks the Assessor will continue her work on Bearinger Township issues. The final export to Equalization for the winter tax roll will be made November 1st and arrangements will be made with Supervisor Patterson to return all Bearinger Township equipment and material in her possession, along with a backup of the 2019 working database.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson stated that the next Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority will meet October 10, 2018 in the Court House. During the wind storm in late September the power pole in front of the township hall broke. PIE&G was contacted and the pole has been replaced.

Correspondence: Supervisor Patterson received correspondence from Michigan Dept. of Treasury that Bearinger Township has been selected to be reviewed as part of the 2019 AMAR audit program which will be for 2018 assessment roll. Clerk Rossetto received notice from Michigan LARA regarding a public hearing in Lansing for PIE&G gas rates.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: **A.** Snow Removal Contract. Contract from Ken Hopp was reviewed. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to accept the 2018/2019 Snow Removal contract. Patricia Frost supported the motion. Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Duane Walker, Beverly Rossetto and Archie Patterson. Five yes votes, motion carried.

B. Winter 2018 Newsletter. Emilie Stawiarski requested that if any board member would like to put anything in the newsletter that October 31st is the deadline to submit their articles.

C. Telephone System Alternatives. Supervisor Patterson has contracted Verizon, Frontier and AT&T and explained the advantages and drawbacks of each system. After a brief discussion, Emilie Stawiarski made a motion that Verizon be selected for our telephone server. Patricia Frost supported the motion. Voting yes were Duane Walker, Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, Motion carried.

D. Newspaper Ad for an assessor. Clerk Rossetto read the ad that will be published in the Presque Isle Advance Newspaper. Supervisor Patterson stated that the ad should also be published in the Cheboygan Tribune. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to publish the ad in both newspapers, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Supervisor Patterson will contact Joe Lavender and Allan Berg and check various websites where an ad can be placed. Allan Berg will be contacted for a check list of services his company provides.

E. Election set-up service. Supervisor Patterson explained that this is a re-occurring service and the expense does not require approval for each election. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to delete item E. Duane Walker supported the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Irv Dedow questioned who should have the BS&A information on the Assessor's computer. James McKindles thanked the supervisor for addressing the ordinance issues. Dave Cowper asked who has control over the public easement on Black Lake and commented about some problems occurring. Mr. Cowper was advised to contact the Presque Isle County Road Commission.

Being no further comments, Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk