

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
September 11, 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 Doug Phelps.

Approval of Agenda: Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Duane Walker 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 August 2018, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

August 14, 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Patterson inquired if everyone had reviewed the minutes. Being no correction, Supervisor Patterson declared the minutes approved as written.

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

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$143,192.65
2.	General Fund Checking Account	630.70
3.	CD (Savings) Account	135,608.78
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>30,078.39</u>
	Total (All Accounts)	\$309,510.52

A tag report was presented giving a summary of income and expenses from April 1st through August 31st for fiscal year 2018/2019.

Summer 2018 property taxes received to date are \$486,749.92 (81%). As of today delinquent taxes are the sum of \$114,600.00.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the August 11, 2018 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending August 31, 2018 are available.

Two new voting booths that were built by Archie Patterson were displayed, these booths are much better constructed and secure than we could purchase and the booths were built for about \$200.00 less than the cost of purchased booths.

The Clerk's Notary Public Commission has been renewed for the total sum of \$80.00 which was approved earlier this year.

Clerk Rossetto talked about a Freedom of Information correspondence received by every Clerk in the state of Michigan from United Impact Group, LLC. This Group is requesting information regarding the November 2016 Presidential Election. Clerk Rossetto may need to consult with our attorney for a proper reply to this request.

Assessor's Report: No Assessor's report.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a summary of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held August 29, 2018. A Cheboygan County resident attended the meeting and spoke about her attempt and the time it took to receive ambulance service. She was asked to put her complaint in writing and it will be presented to the Presque Isle County Sheriff's Dispatch Dept.

Dallas Hyde and Dave Webster will open a new account at Awaken Credit Union and transfer the Subscription account.

The grant for the power cot was not received. A grant request for a new monitor may be submitted.

Two Onaway citizens left money in their wills to the Onaway Ambulance Service, the sum of about 18 to 20 thousand dollars will be received soon.

The annual audit report was distributed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave a summary report of the Ocqueoc/Bearing Fire Dept. runs (total runs 9, one search & rescue and eight medical).

Supervisor Patterson gave a report on the Presque Isle County Township Officers Association meeting held September 4, 2018 at the Case Township Hall. County speakers were Sheriff Brewbaker, Clerk Ann Marie Main, Prosecuting Attorney Radzibon, Treasurer Bridget LaLonde and Register of Deeds Vicky Kowalewski. Guest speakers were Neal Bishop of ITC and Lindsey Gardener of the MSU Extension Service.

Next Big Trash day will be held July 13, 2019, 9 am to 3 pm.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Old Business: Treasurer Stawiarski has researched various banks for investing funds. Chemical Bank is currently offering a seventeen (17) month CD at an interest rate of 2.75%, she would like permission to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Building Fund at Chemical Bank to the seventeen month CD at Chemical Bank. Supervisor Patterson made a motion that the requested transfer be approved, motion supported by Clerk Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

New Business: A. Patricia Frost talked about Planning and Zoning for the township and referenced the article in this month's MTA issue. Archie Patterson spoke about our previous Planning and Zoning. Duane Walker explained the trouble townships have getting and keeping good zoning administrators. A brief discussion perused regarding getting a new Assessor that has time to work with our property owners.

B. Patricia Frost spoke about a blight and nuisance ordinance and would like to have the Sheriff or Building Inspector attend our next meeting to explain why we need ordinances. It was agreed that the Building Inspector Mike Libby will be invited to our October meeting.

C. Patricia Frost has contacted the DNR officer, Eric Fink and Parks & Recs, Megan Lemarbe in Lansing about getting a grant for a bike path in Bearing Township. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the placement, the maintenance and what type of liability insurance would be needed for a bike path.

The Board talked about the cost and expense to have Planning & Zoning, the enforcement of ordinances and the maintenance of a bike path. Supervisor Patterson distributed a graft chart showing Bearing Township Funds at the end of each fiscal year from 2000 to 2017 illustrating the downward trend in available funds over time.

Public Comment: Nancy Shutes stated that very few people use the Rogers City bike path and that the people of Bearinger Township have expressed many times that they do not want planning and zoning.

Irv Dedow talked about the placement of the bike path and surrounding private property.

Clerk Rossetto stated that if anyone needs an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election they should contact her.

Being no further comments, Beverly Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Beverly Rossetto

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk