

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
January 8, 2019 Minutes

Supervisor Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present for the meeting were Board Members Supervisor Archie J. Patterson II, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Trustees Duane Walker and Patricia Frost. Others in attendance were Doug Phelps, Dave Cowper and Jim McKindles.

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 Duane Walker to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills for the month of December 2018, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

December 11, 2018 Minutes: Supervisor Patterson inquired if everyone had reviewed the minutes and if there were any corrections. Being no corrections the Supervisor declared the minutes approved as written.

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

General Fund Savings Account	\$107,957.99
General Fund Checking Account	1,601.51
CD (Savings) Account	166,610.48
Township Building Fund	<u>82.55</u>
Total Ending Balance (All Accounts)	\$276,252.53

Treasurer Stawiarski explained the revised November financial statement and the Bank fees that have been reversed. A tag report was presented showing income and expenses from April 1st through December 31st for fiscal year 2018/2019. 96.25% of summer taxes and 51.16% of winter property taxes have been received.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the December 11, 2018 minutes, financial report, balance sheet and check register for the month of December are available. The Clip and Save notice of the Township Meeting dates for 2019 were published in the January 3, 2019 issue of the Advance Newspaper. Post-Election Audit results, thanks to the great team work of all the Election Inspectors, Bearinger Township passed the State of Michigan audit with no failing marks.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a summary of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held, December 19, 2018. Pam Schaedig and Becky Hyde will prepare the 2019/2020 budget. The cost of the new ambulance will be in the 2019/2020 Budget. Two new power cots have been ordered. The ambulance that was leaking fuel has other problems and has been in the repair shop for three weeks. There has also been two ambulance/deer strikes. There were 59 runs in November 2018.

Assessor's Report: No Assessor's report. Treasurer Stawiarski stated that Mr. Berg's Company is very professional and that he responds to problems and calls in a very timely manner.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson reported that all four members of the Board of Review have agreed to remain on the Board for the 2019/2020 term. They will take the oath of office at the March 2019 Board of Review meeting.

Correspondence: Supervisor Patterson: Township Law E-Letter regarding Senate Bill 637. Townships have little or no control over the installation of Cell Towers, 5-G Networks, etc. placed in the public rights-of-way.

Clerk Rossetto: Correspondence from Presque Isle County Road Commission, due to increased revenue coming from the Michigan Transportation Fund the cost share on road improvement projects will change from 75% to 65% for Township's share and 25% to 35% for Road Commission's share of total project cost.

Patricia Frost and Emilie Stawiarski received notifications that they have been re-appointed to the Presque Isle County Planning Commission for the 2019/2021 term.

New Business: **A. Appointment of Board of Review members for 2019/2020 term:** Supervisor Patterson made a motion to appoint Tom Anglin, Irv Dedow, Sheryl Diamond and Ray Stemple for the two year term, motion supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Five aye votes, motion carried.

B. Board of Review Training: Clerk Rossetto made a motion that the Board of Review members and Supervisor Patterson attend the MTA Board of review training with allowed mileage. Patricia Frost supported the motion. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

C. Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department proposed 2019/2020 budget: Clerk Rossetto explained the increases and decreases of each line item for the Township Board to review. The Fire Department budget will be finalized by the Fire Board, Ocqueoc Township Board and Bearinger Township Board at the Tri-Board meeting March 7, 2019.

D. Appoint representatives to Onaway Area Ambulance Service and Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority: Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to re-appoint Duane Walker as the representative for Onaway Area Ambulance Service with Patricia Frost as the alternate and Archie Patterson as the representative for Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority. Beverly Rossetto supported the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

E. Postage Stamp Purchase: Due to the fact that US Postage will be increasing, Treasurer Stawiarski requested approval to purchase \$1,100.00 in postage stamps for the mailing of the Summer & Winter 2019 Property Tax Bills and Clerk Rossetto requested approval of \$100.00 for mailing of Township bills and correspondence. Clerk Rossetto made a motion to approve the requested purchases, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to amend the Meeting Agenda with item F. Bearinger Township Master Plan, Archie Patterson supported the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

F. Bearinger Township Master Plan: Emilie Stawiarski stated that the basics of the Master Plan are good and the Master Plan should be reviewed every five (5) years. After a brief discussion regarding Presque Isle County's Zoning and the importance of the Master Plan for our township, Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to accept the Master Plan for Bearinger Township as written, motion was supported by Patricia Frost. Five yes vote, motion carried. Emilie Stawiarski will notify Presque Isle County Building & Zoning and the Planning Commission that Bearinger Township has a Master Plan.

Public Comment: Jim McKindles and Doug Phelps requested copies of the Proposed Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department 2019/2020 budget.

Being no further comments, Motion was made by Patricia Frost and supported by Emilie Stawiarski to adjourn the meeting. Five yes votes, meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk