

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWNHALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MI 48759

TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. We all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Present for the meeting were Supervisor Michael Phillips, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Deputy Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski, Trustee Lee Stawiarski and Deputy Clerk Beverly Rossetto.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to accept the Agenda, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 3 aye votes, motion approved.

Consent Agenda to pay bills: Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Trustee Stawiarski seconded the motion 3 aye votes, motion carried.

Approve the Minutes: The minutes for December 14, 2021 were presented. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 3 aye votes, motion carried.

Reports:

- A. **Treasurer:** Deputy treasurer Emilie Stawiarski presented Treasurer Watt's report. The Cd Report has been updated. She presented the financial report. Winter 2021 tax collection has been going as expected. Summer taxes are still trickling in, but went well. There has been no activity in the ARPA funds which have been deposited into the Savings account. The funds that show up in the financial report are due to the Huntington Bank account not being closed yet.
- B. **Clerk:** Clerk Diamond reported we are still not balancing between the financial report and the balance sheet. All W-2's have been sent out as well as the 1099's. I had to adjust the budget to get all of the monies out of Duane Walkers accounts and into Trustee Stawiarski's account for payroll. I had to add money to Trustee Stawiarski's mileage. Mileage cost went from .56 cents a mile to .585 per mile. I have called the Auditor to get cost for the upcoming audit and what is needed for it.
- C. **Trustees:** Trustee Stawiarski read Trustee Watt's report. The financial report was read and went over. Wages were again discussed. Repair to the building has been completed (bldg. Repair and gutter approx. \$700.00). There are some grants available to be used for recruitment but not wages. Retention of employees is still an issue. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2022. January 19, 2022 is the scheduled meeting to set the new budget. Townships need to ok budget at their February meetings. The financial report for 2021 was handed out and needs to be reviewed by the township. It will be brought to the February Township meeting.
- D. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Phillips ordered office supplies for the Clerk and Treasurer. He also ordered and received the DVD reader for the treasurer.

Correspondence:

A. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Phillips sent a letter to PICRC regarding Bluffs Highway concerning the speed study. The study isn't done in the winter. Krakow Township needs a speed study also and we would like to piggy back on their speed study.

B. **Clerk:** PIE&G has sent their newsletter with the bills informing us of a rate increase that will increase Electric bills by approximately \$8.32 per month per meter. The County Clerk sent an Email to remind us to plug in election equipment and get everything updated and charged up. She would also like Clerks to go into QVF and check the inbox and process what is there. It was brought to my attention that Irv Dedow contacted Pontem and represented himself as the IT consultant for Bearinger Township. I passed out the emails I have received from Pontem. I informed them we do not have an IT consultant and that only Beverly Rossetto and myself can contact them. We are the only ones that use Pontem. MTA sent a paper showing us new account numbers for the ARPA funds.

C. **Treasurer:** Most of the correspondence has been about the property taxes, (tax amounts and how to pay). He has received correspondence from Mortgage Companies with various questions from receiving copies of tax bills to checking on properties that are scheduled for sale.

D. **Trustee:** Neither trustee Watt or Trustee Stawiarski have had any correspondence.

Old Business: We had no old business

New Business: The Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department budget was presented to the Board.

Board Comment: Deputy Treasurer Emilie brought up short term rentals. The proposal has not passed Michigan Senate. She also suggested we introduce a registry for short term rentals with a deposit of between \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 Per rental. This would increase our revenue for the township. The rentals would have to have passed an inspection and have specific rules and safety measures posted in each rental. House bill that passed limits 2 houses per owner being allowed to be a short-term rental.

Public Comment: Beverly Rossetto thanked everyone for what we do for the Township. The Tri-Board meeting for the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department for the Budget has not been decided where or when it will be. Everything depends on Covid.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Clerk Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was supported by Trustee Stawiarski. 3 aye votes motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by

Sheryl Diamond Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. We then stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Present for the meeting were Supervisor Michael Phillips, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Treasurer James Watt, Trustee Cheryl Watt and Trustee Lee Stawiarski. Also attending was Beverly Rossetto.

Approval of Agenda: Treasurer Watt made a motion to accept the agenda, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda to Pay bills: Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

Approve the Minutes: The minutes for January 11, 2022 were presented, Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Treasurer Watt supported the motion, 4 aye votes, motion carried.

Reports:

A. Treasurer: Treasurer Watt presented the financial report. He updated the CD report. Calcite pays interest quarterly; he assumed the quarters were calendar. They pay the quarters when your CD opened. The ARPA funds are \$18,160.00 with no activity so far. He received a check for \$73.10 from the State for ARPA from all the Townships and villages and cities that didn't apply for the funds, they were split up for all the ones that did apply. Huntington Bank accounts are still open due to checks not cashed, Treasurer Watt said he will get them closed this month. The building fund will be turned into a CD at Calcite until we need the money for building purposes.

B. Clerk: The Balance sheet and Financial Report are still not balancing for the CD's. I found problems with the financial report and showed Treasurer Watt. The budget had to be adjusted to put money in Trustee Stawiarski's payroll and Clerks mileage. Beverly Rossetto and myself have been working on the New Michigan Uniform Chart of Accounts. Clerk Diamond stated she will need all receipts and mileage forms by February 24, 2022. The webmaster deposited her check approximately February 1, 2022. We were waiting for that check to clear to close Hunting Bank Checking account. Clerk Diamond stated she has a budget worksheet; we have to approve the new budget at the March meeting.

C. Trustees: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Services meeting. The meeting started at 6:02 p.m. The OAAS reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting, and paid the bills. They are still discussing wages for workers. The financial report was presented and discussed. Townships that rely on OAAS need to vote on their budget. The financial report for 2021 was handed out and is available for review. Trustee Stawiarski didn't have a meeting this month.

D. Supervisor: Supervisor Phillips sent a cease-and-desist letter to Irvin Dedow. It was sent return receipt requested and was never signed for. He printed more letters to send To Mr. Dedow by regular mail and cc a copy to the Township attorney. Supervisor Phillips has been updating the website for Bearinger Township, He removed outdated links and documents. HE posted new pictures from around our Township.

Correspondence:

A. Supervisor: Supervisor Phillips brought the newspaper ad that equalization placed in the paper.

B. Clerk: Clerk Diamond brought and gave out the paperwork for Treasurer and both Trustees that have to be filled out and filed with the County Clerk to be on the August and November ballots. Beverly Rossetto gave me an order form from the County to order trees and shrubs. I will make copies and place them at the hall in case anyone is interested. Clerk Diamond brought the new par plan flyer for inspection. I had to give last month's check register to the Treasurer so he can make sure all the checks have cleared. HE was unable to attend the meeting last month and the Deputy Treasurer took over for him at the meeting.

C. Treasurer: Most of the correspondence has been about property taxes. The SIGMA account needs to be updated to reflect Name and Address Changes. People have been calling to see about paying taxes online or on the phone. So far, we don't have those capabilities. He has received enquiries from Mortgage Companies with question from receiving copies of tax bills to checking on properties that are scheduled for sale. Treasurer Watt is going to County to do a reconciliation on property taxes.

D. Trustees: Neither Trustee had any correspondence.

Old Business: Short term rental regulations rely on Zoning. It will cost a lot of money to enforce any rules or laws. Enforcing would also be difficult. We would have to hire someone to be the Enforcer and figure out what rules would apply to have STR's. We are worried that any rules we put in place now the State can still come in and take over any and all Short-Term Rentals.

New Business: The Tri-Board meeting for the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board has scheduled the meeting for March 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ocqueoc Township Hall. All Bearinger Township Board members are required to attend. This is the annual Budget Hearing. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to table the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board Budget until we are at the March meeting. The motion was supported by Treasurer Watt. The Onaway Area Ambulance Services budget was presented. Clerk Diamond made a motion to approve the budget, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 5 Aye votes. Motion carried.

Board Comments: Trustee Stawiarski thanked us for shoveling the walkway to the hall. The Board also talked some about the new budget we need to approve for Bearinger Township next month. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to table our budget until next meeting, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Next month is the Board of Review, Trustee Stawiarski stated he will clean for the meetings

Public Comment: None

The next Regular Board meeting will be a Budget Hearing. It will be March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Adjournment: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion, 5 aye votes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by,

Sheryl Diamond Bearinger Township Clerk

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MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were Supervisor Michael Phillips, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Treasurer James Watt, Trustee Lee Stawiarski, Trustee Cheryl Watt, also attending the meeting were Beverly Rossetto and Brown.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Treasurer Watt made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (PAY BILLS): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: The minutes for the February 8, 2022 Regular Board meeting were presented. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Clerk Diamond made a motion to recess the regular board meeting, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET:

- A. The Board reviewed the Budget and made changes for the next Fiscal Year.
- B. We asked if there was any public comment on the budget and changes that were made. No comments were made.
- C. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget as amended, Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. 5 aye votes. Budget Adopted.
- D. Adjourn the Budget Public Hearing at 1:34 p.m.

RESUME REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Our regular Meeting was resumed at 1:35 p.m.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: The Treasurer passed out new updated CD report. Our ARPA funds total \$18,233.31 with the check for \$73.10 added. Huntington Bank accounts are closed as of March 7, 2022. All funds are now in Huron State Bank, \$1,729.24 was deposited into the checking account at Huron Bank. Treasurer Watt tried to open a new CD at Calcite with the Building Fund account, but the two Ladies working could not open the CD. The \$51,294.21 has been deposited into Huron State Bank General Fund Savings until he can get information from other financial institutes for CD Interest.

B. CLERK: We went to the Tri Board Fire Board meeting on March 3, 2022. Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board discussed the presentation of the Budget for the Fire Department for 2022-2023. We approved and adopted the budget. We are finally balanced on the CDs after Deputy Clerk and I spent hours going over receipts and bank statements and found the mistake. We are off on General Funds Savings by eight cents. The General Funds checking account is not balanced. The ad was put in the paper for the Budget Hearing on Feb 24, 2022. I called Thunder Bay accounting to get a quote for the upcoming Audit. They wanted \$85.00 per hour and the Rogers City office doesn't have a CPA. Deputy Clerk Rossetto and I attended a Webinar that was for Chart Chat. We thought it was for the Chart of Accounts. Didn't have anything to do with the Chart of Accounts. It had to do with how to report ARPA funds and who has to do it. How to access the SIGMA. How to make sure you are registered for the SIMMS and that you have to register yearly. The \$73.10 check we received was from the redistribution for the 28 Governing bodies that didn't apply for ARPA funds. Late June or July is approximately when we will receive the second half of the ARPA funds. I do need all the bank statements from all 3 banks so I can get everything ready for the Audit. I gave Treasurer Watt, Trustee Stawiarski and Trustee Watt the paperwork that is needed to be filled out to be on the August and November Ballots. All present were asked if they wanted to be election inspectors.

C. Trustee: Trustee Stawiarski attended the Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting on February 9, 2022. He reported \$200,000 out of \$400,000 in taxes have been received. They are no longer working in a deficit. Approximately \$42,000 in the black. The Audit cost was \$2,200 to complete for the fiscal year 2021-2022. They were approved to proceed. Rogers Township committed to \$9,300 (10%) to RCASA from their ARPA funds. RCASA would like to get a de-contamination shower with the ARPA funds. Possibly get John's Plumbing to do the work. Deficit resolution plan submitted to and approved by the State of Michigan. There is a bill in the state Senate that may provide loans to the Ambulance Authority and other local governments. They elected officers for RCASA. Randy Smolinski chairperson, Jim Zachefsky Vice Chairperson, Martha Roznowski Secretary/Treasurer. The runs are up by 100 over last year's total. Two new paramedics were hired. Overtime is down, moral is up. Hobson Electric contract working on the building generator. RCASA accepted the Silver Package, although working on the battery may cost extra.

Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting on February 23, 2022. The meeting was quick do to being shorthanded. Dallas the person in charge and who would give some of the reports was on a run and unable to attend. The OAAS reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting and paid the bills. The Financial report was read and discussed. The OAAS budget was discussed and approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022. March 5, 2022 an EMT course was taught in Cheboygan, MI.

D. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips sent a cease-and-desist letter via standard mail to the individual that called PONTEM. He called PI County Equalization Department to verify the mailing address listed on the assessment roll. He sent another copy of the same letter to the Township Attorney. Supervisor Phillips attended the Presque Isle Count Township Officers Association meeting on March 1, 2022. Dues are now \$25.00 per year. Officers were elected. Supervisor Michael Phillips is the new Chairperson for PICTOA

The PICTOA reinforced the need for Election Commission members to be present for inspections and have at least two members present. Election Inspector training will be in June or July. The County does NOT correct ballot language. Everything will be published as written. The PICTOA said Foreclosures will be starting on tax year 2019. Surplus property in the County is now gone. 300 properties were sold. Board of Review organizational meeting has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Phillips received a packet from PIE&G that showed new electric rates for all customers. Supervisor Phillips received a letter and business card from a CPA firm that is located in Alpena and Rose City. Way too far to drive for Audit. He received a call from someone wanting to turn his property into a Tree Farm. Supervisor Phillips brought the resolutions for the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to accept the resolution Trustee Watt supported the motion. 5 ayes motion carried.
- B. CLERK:** I received an Email from the Governor stating anyone with a vehicle insured as of 10-31-2021 will be getting \$400.00 per vehicle no later than May 9, 2022. Congratulations Michael on your election as Chairperson for the PICTOC.
- C. TREASURER:** The SIGMA account needs to be updated to reflect name and address changes. He tried to get this done by FAX, it didn't contain enough of the information that they wanted. He needs a new letter from the Supervisor. Treasurer Watt told them to use the old address for now until they can get the changes made for the account. Checks from the State has been the only letter correspondence. We have been fielding several calls from tax payers and communications with the County treasurer Office.
- D. TRUSTEES:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Diamond presented the contract and information for the Township Audit. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to do the Audit with JW Kieliszewski the CPA in Rogers City, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lena Brown from Ocqueoc Township said all the Township officers are underpaid. She also asked if we have an ordinance for short term rentals. No, we don't. People on the lanes are having trouble getting in and out of their properties due to excessive people being at a STR. It would be very costly for the Township to have an ordinance. We would have to get the Attorney involved that could be upheld in court. Beverly Rossetto commended us on our meeting and budget hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: Clerk Diamond made a motion to adjourn, Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by, Sheryl Diamond Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were: Supervisor Michael Phillips, Treasurer James Watt, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Trustees, Lee Stawiarski, and Cheryl Watt. Also, in attendance were Beverly Rossetto and Archie Patterson III.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY BILLS): Treasurer Watt made a motion to pay the bills, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Trustee Watt seconded the motion. 5 aye votes, minutes approved as written.

REPORTS:

- A. TREASURER:** The ARPA funds total \$18,233.31 with the \$73.10 check added. Currently no movement of the ARPA funds. The CD will be turned in this month and the amount temporarily deposited in the Township savings account (April 2022 CD with Huron State bank). We attempted to open a CD at Citizens National Bank in Onaway, MI but did not have the paperwork to do it. The money in question is the Township Building Fund in the amount of \$51,294.21. Treasurer Watt also suggested we consider what to do with the other 2 CD's that were turned in August for \$28,353.54 and from the May CD in the amount of \$28,399.52. We are gaining interest with the savings account at Huron State Bank. Treasurer Watt has been making attempts to get the ARPA Treasurers report submitted but is having problems getting into the portal. Other Treasurers are having problems getting their reports submitted even after getting on the site.
- B. CLERK:** We still do not balance. I need closing bank statements from Huntington Bank. I also need all the bank statements. The audit is upon us. The treasurer gave me a receipt for moving the building fund from Huntington to the Savings account at Huron State Bank, He never moved it in his financial sheet, so we are off by \$51,147.99. As soon as I get the corrected information from Treasurer Watt our report will match in the savings account. The checking account is off by \$1,999.70, still looking for the problem. Clerk Diamond stated she had to adjust the budget, I moved \$15.25 from miscellaneous to Trustee Stawiarski's mileage. I had to move \$50.44 from miscellaneous to office supplies for clerk, \$5.00 for Software and \$3.21 to mileage. The total moved was \$58.65. Clerk Diamond stated she had to move \$12.50 from miscellaneous to Board of Review Salary. I also moved \$302.83 in total, \$200.87 from Data Processing and \$101.96 from Seminars to mileage for Treasurer. I moved \$1,500.00 from Assessor salary to Building and Grounds due to using the wrong account numbers. I also moved \$74.09 from miscellaneous To Telephone at the hall. Instead of taking off \$700.00 for office supplies I only took off \$200.00

due to the increase of office supplies. Clerk Diamond also asked why we have not done anything with the ARPA funds. We are waiting for the Ambulance Authorities to let us know what they want the money for so we can do the reports necessary.

- C. **TRUSTEES:** Trustee Watt was the only one to have a meeting this month. She reported the meeting was basic. They reviewed and approved the minutes and paid the bills totaling \$7,797.54. The Financial report was read, and they went over it. They had 65 runs. It was also mentioned the shortage of people to fill positions. Their next meeting is April 27, 2022.
- D. **SUPERVISOR:** There is going to be new work done at the Cemetery. There are trees down and standing dead trees that need to be removed. There is a dead tree at the parking lot at the Township Hall that must come down also. Supervisor Phillips has plans to remove the dead and downed trees. Trustee Stawiarski stated he will give assistance. The Board of review went well.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. **SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Phillips said he has been contacted by Bois Blanc Township; they are struggling. They would like support from all the small Townships. There is a big interest in Planning and Zoning for Solar and in other Townships planning for Wind Works.

B. **CLERK:** Clerk Diamond reported she received a US Dept of Commerce Census Bureau; it was an online report that had to be filed. It was completed and filed on March 27, 2022. Clerk Diamond made a copy of the Township InSite's about the ARPA funds reporting and gave to the treasurer. I received 2 packets from USPS about election envelopes. I will contact the County Clerk and see if these are new envelopes we will have to use. Still do not have any dates for Election Inspector Training. County Clerk said sometime either June or July.

C. **TREASURER:** Treasurer Watt stated there have only been a few inquiries about taxes that people have paid which we still have records of. Some tax payments have come in that he had to transfer to the County Treasures office.

D. **TRUSTEES:** No correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:** Lee Stawiarski has submitted paperwork asking for a \$35.00 a month increase in pay for cleaning the hall and mowing and weed whacking the hall and Cemetery and the general maintenance he does. Treasurer Watt made a motion to increase the raise from \$35.00 to a \$50.00 increase due to the amount of work and cost of equipment and supplies he must buy. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. Roll Call; Supervisor Phillips, Aye. Treasurer Watt, Aye, Clerk Diamond, Aye, Trustee Watt, Aye. 4 aye votes. The \$50.00 pay increase was overwhelmingly passed.

B. **ASSESSING CONTRACT:** We received an updated Assessing contract. Clerk Diamond made a motion to accept the new contract as written, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. Roll Call vote, Supervisor Phillips, aye, Treasurer Watt, aye, Clerk Diamond, aye, Trustee Stawiarski, aye, Trustee Watt, aye. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

C. **CD:** Treasurer Watt made a motion to place \$51,294.21 into a 3-year CD at Citizens National Bank in Onaway, MI. Supervisor Phillips seconded the motion. Roll Call vote, Supervisor Phillips, aye, Treasurer Watt, aye, Clerk Diamond, aye, Trustee Watt, aye, Trustee Stawiarski, aye. 5 aye votes. Motion carried. We will place the money into Citizens National Bank.

Supervisor Phillips made a motion to open 2 CDs at Huron State Bank in the amounts of, \$28,399.52 for one of the CDs and the second CD in the amount of \$28,353.54. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. Roll call vote: Supervisor Phillips, aye, Treasurer Watt, aye, Clerk Diamond, aye, Trustee Watt, aye, Trustee Stawiarski, aye. 5 aye votes, motion carried. We will be opening 2 new CDs at Huron State bank.

The April CD will not be deposited into the savings account at Huron State Bank until after the next meeting.

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Stawiarski told Supervisor Phillips he will help with the tree removals.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Sheryl Diamond, Bearinger Township Clerk

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TUESDAY MAY 10, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Present for the meeting were, Supervisor Michael Phillips, Treasurer James Watt, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Trustee Cheryl Watt, Trustee Lee Stawiarski. Also in attendance were Beverly Rossetto and Archie Patterson iii.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY BILLS): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2022: Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Clerk Diamond Supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

A. Treasurer: The Treasurer reported we don't balance. The Building Fund was set up as a 3-year CD at Citizens National Bank in Onaway, MI in the amount of \$51,294.21 and is earning .6% in interest compounded monthly. It has been set up as an automatic renewal. If the Board decides to keep it there. We have a ten-day grace period when the CD matures to decide to cash out or renew it. The money due to the Township from Tax Collection Administration fees has not been transferred yet due to the amount of money in Huron State Bank accounts. This need to be handled at the meeting today. Treasurer Watt has been using the accounting system Quicken and a Ledger that is hand written.

B. CLERK: The Clerk reported we don't balance. I did discover the \$2,000.00 difference in the checking account, it was from a voided check that I went back in and tried to void it again which put the money back into the account. I reversed it and we are now closer. I gave the Treasurer a list of things I need from him, missing bank statements, I am missing a receipt for \$.03. I discovered he (Treasurer) missed the first checks from Huron State Bank on his financial report. I need paperwork for Calcite Federal Credit Union to take money out of the Tax Collections.

C. TRUSTEES: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting. It was a short meeting. They reviewed the minutes and approved them. Paid bills that totaled \$9,417.82. The financial report was read and discussed. They discussed the shortage of people to fill positions. The next meeting will be May 25, 2022

Trustee Stawiarski attended the Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting on April 13, 2022. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. There are only a few delinquent taxes still uncollected. Fuel prices are up. They are saving some money by using Basil Fuel that offers about the best price in the state. The bills were paid. The Audit was approved by the Board. They are reporting a loss of \$55,000 in the first quarter due to new staff pay structure. Staff started taking their vacations

again. Presque Isle County received \$2.5 million in ARPA funds. There are more employees being hired. They ordered a new ambulance chassis in January 2022. The 4-wheel drive unit is leaking oil and needs warranty work. Board members will be eligible for a discount of ambulance subscription service. The Board voted and approved the purchase of a few office chairs and a recliner that they will be getting from Rogers City Furnishings. A new Water heater is needed. The RCASA is taking new bids for lawn care for the premises. A Stryker self-loader will cost \$22,000 used and \$30,000 new.

D. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips completed the SLFRF (ARPA reporting) to the US Treasury. He validated the Township SAM.gov registration for 2022. Recipients under \$50K do not need additional paperwork to grant money. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve disperse ARPA funds in the amount of \$3,400 to each Ambulance Authority and the Onaway/Bearinger Fire department. Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. Roll call vote, Supervisor Phillips, aye, Treasurer Watt, aye, Clerk Diamond, aye, Trustee Watt, aye, Trustee Stawiarski, aye. 5 aye votes monies to be dispersed. Supervisor Phillips confirmed big trash day with PAC Sanitation. It will be July 16, 2022 at the Township Hall from 9-3. It is posted on the website. OBFD received donations of life saving equipment through on of the volunteers and his son who works at New Baltimore FD. The OBFD will be getting current cost information for vehicle exhaust. The last estimate was \$70k. The OBFD will have the Smokey Bear Fire Danger sign installed soon. It was purchased with HBCA donations. OBFD recruitment banners have been ordered, they are 40"x9'. The banners will be placed at each Township Hall, at the Fire Department and at Grace Harbor. Supervisor has cut down trees at the Township Hall and at the Cemetery, cut dead branches, trimmed saplings and collected fallen branches for pickup. He also identified additional trees for removal at the Cemetery. He identified a damaged monument in cemetery. The monument had been knocked off the base and it too heavy to lift. He will contact owner per the cemetery ordinance section 7. He was contacted by someone interested in purchasing a plot for internment in July, another person is interested in interring cremains for an already purchased plot in July. He picked up 2 Veteran Flag holders and 12 flags from the county Clerk. The holders and flags have been installed for the season. The Black Lake Watershed Advisory Committee met virtually. They discussed applying for planning grants and other work around the lake including a playground project, algae studies, mobile boat washing events, tree planting and fishery management. The next Township officers meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 6 p.m., at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse. There is a potluck dinner and a meeting to follow. Each Township is asked to bring a dish to pass. Trustee Watt has volunteered to make a dish we will reimburse for. Thank you, Cheryl Watt.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips was contacted by Case Township asking about ARPA and issues he had filing the report. He received OBFD Budget Calculation from the financial officer. He received the PIE&G Liaison Board Meeting notice for May 25, 2022. Jeff Gapczynski contacted Supervisor Phillips to get an update for Bluffs Hwy. Speed study.

B. Clerk: The hosting Township will be providing meat for the Officers meeting June 6, 2022. Trustee Watt has graciously offered to provide the dish to pass for our Township. We didn't discuss how many of are going but I do think all 5 of the Board Members will attend. Election Inspector training will be in July. We don't have a date yet. I printed Supervisor Phillips compliance report for ARPA filings. The annual Liaison Board Meeting will be May 25, 2022 I will be attending and taking notes to bring back to our

Board. PIE&G annual meter reading for Presque Isle will be done in June, please make sure your dogs and attack cats are contained.

C. TREASURER: Most of the correspondence has been passed along to either the Assessor or County treasurer. They have been Tax payments that the County now processes, we only have to send them on to their office. The Assessor's mail has been delivered to the Treasurer's address and has been sent to the Assessor.

D. TRUSTEES: They had no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer Watt made a motion to rescind previous motion and made a new motion to put 2 CD's instead make it a total of 3 CD's. We are going to put them all at Citizens National Bank in Onaway, MI. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. Roll call vote, Supervisor Phillips, aye, Treasurer Watt, aye Clerk Diamond, aye, Trustee Stawiarski, aye, Trustee Watt, aye. Motion carried. The CD's will be in the amount of \$28,353.54 and the second one will be \$28,399.52.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to allow the OBFD recruiting sign to be placed at our Township Hall, the motion was supported by Trustee Stawiarski. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

B. PIE&G Liaison Board meeting will be May 25, 2022. Clerk Diamond will be attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Archie Patterson set up an equipment fund for Rogers City Ambulance Authority. We aren't sure if it is still in existence.

Trustee Watt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Sheryl Diamond, Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWNHALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MI 49759

TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call for the meeting: Supervisor Phillips, here, Treasurer Watt, here, Clerk Diamond, here, Trustee Stawiarski, here, Trustee Watt, here. Also present for the meeting were Bob Hartman, Anna Meyer and James Meyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY BILLS): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES: (May 10,2022) Treasurer would like the Clerk to stop putting everything about the discrepancies in the balance sheet and financial page into the minutes. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. 5 ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: ARPA fund distribution is \$3653.97 per institution. The total amount of our ARPA fund needs to be \$10,961.91 instead of the \$10,800,00 mentioned at the last meeting. The three (3) new CD's have been started with Citizens National Bank. The Interest rate is now .5%. The Tax Administration fee amount has been transferred to General Fund Savings account in the amount of \$75,250.98 and will show up in the June Financial report.

B. CLERK: The Clerk stated we don't balance. Mileage reimbursement rate is changing starting July 1. 2022. The rate change is from .585 per mile to .625 per mile. I attended the PIE&G meeting to update the township on the Broadband installation coming through our County. There was a flyer with a map stating where and when the lines will be installed. The cost for 100 Mbps up and down will be \$54.95 with auto pay. 1 gig up and down will be \$84.95 with auto pay. I sent 179 absent voter applications out on Friday June 10, 2022. We will have to change our regularly scheduled November Board meeting to a different day due to the Election being on November 8, 2022.

C. Trustee Report: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting on May 25, 2022. They approved the minutes from the previous meeting. They also paid the bills which totaled \$7,725.80. The financial report was read and discussed. They talked about the shortage of people to fill positions. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2022. Subscription flyers have been sent out.

Trustee Stawiarski attended the Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. They paid the bills, Accepted the Treasurer's report. The budget meeting will be on June 23, 2022. The furniture recliner purchase has been completed. Lawn spraying is needed. Fuel expenses are up. The #53, the oldest ambulance quit running. Mike Lynch indicated the ambulance will be ready to go soon. There are only 2 ambulances available at this time. The ambulance chassis order has been delayed until October 2022 as big companies have slowed down production. PI County discussion held to use ARPA funds from the County for 2 power loads. The cost is \$25,000.00 each to purchase and install. Payments on the Zoll Stryker power loads are almost completed. Trustee Stawiarski will be attending the Budget meeting.

D. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Phillips reported he removed 10 truckloads of brush. He also removed damaged or worn decorations, debris and trees from the Cemetery and surrounding woods prior to Memorial Day weekend. He installed Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department banners at our hall, Grace Harbor Rd. Intersection and at Ocqueoc Township Hall. One Cemetery plot has been sold. Burial will take place at the end of July. There will also be another interment towards the end of July. The monument in the cemetery that was downed is now upright.

CORRESPONDANCE:

A. Supervisor Report: The supervisor received an email from Jeff G, on the Bluffs highway speed study. We will discuss this further during New Business.

B. Clerk Report: I received a request from the Assessor's office to update the Board members information and the Board of Review Members information. MTA is offering classes that we as a Township don't use. Northeast Michigan sent information about an update for The Master Plan for Presque Isle County, Posen is partnering with the County to include the Village's master plan. They are asking how we want our copy of the new plan. We received a check from Par Plan in the amount of \$79.63. It was given to the Treasurer to deposit into GF Savings.

I received a Census Revenue Agreement. This is the economic and revenue forecasts for 2022, 2023, 2024. Capitol Credits are coming in the mail this fall from PIE&G. They are for members that received electric service in 1990 and 2005. I received a Resolution of First Right of Refusal for properties in our township that are being foreclosed and now being sold.

C. Treasurer Report: The new mileage reimbursement rate is to take effect July 1, 2022 and will be .625 Cents a mile. This increase is until December 31, 2022. The new rate will then be determined by the IRS at the beginning of 2023. Escrow requests are coming in.

D. Trustee Reports: None

OLD BUSINESS: We opened 3 new 3-year CDs at Citizens National Bank in Onaway. ARPA funds will be sent to all 3 entities we voted on, Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Department, Rogers City Ambulance and Onaway Ambulance Authority.

NEW BUSINESS: The Bluffs Hwy Speed Study updaters. The Road Commissioner just received a response from The State Police, Officer Hilborn told the Road Commission to drive the road in question to check speeds. If a 55 MPH sign is there, there is nothing that can be done. Mr. Hartman reported his mail box has been destroyed 3 times and no longer puts it back up. Mr. Hartman and Mr. & Mrs. Meyer stated the road is nothing more than a 2 track. The Road Commissioner stated that the part of the road that is in question is called an alley. The speed for an alley is 15 MPH not 55 MPH. We were told to contact our State Representative and see what he can do. There are yellow signs for 15 MPH. Those signs are suggested speeds. They are asking for a White Sign that states 15 MPH. WE are requesting closed bids for our parking lot to be resurfaced at the Township Hall. The sealed bids can be sent to:

Supervisor@bearingertownship.org We will be accepting bids until July 31, 2022. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to ask for the bids and the ad in the paper. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to pay Supervisor Phillips for the cemetery cleanup he did in the amount of \$250.00. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. Roll call vote, Treasurer Watt aye, Trustee Watt aye, Trustee Stawiarski aye, Clerk Diamond aye. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anna Meyer stated that her husband has made large donations to the Onaway Area Ambulance Service without any response from them. Anna Meyer also wanted to know if all Cemetery plots are marked where people are interred already. Supervisor Phillips explained to her that he has the maps stating where everyone is and what plots are already spoken for. The Township does not take care of any of the monuments

BOARD COMMENT: Big Trash Day is July 16,2022 from 9-3 at the Township Hall for property owners. The rate increase for mileage has not been budgeted. Please be mindful about how your mileage is used.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Stawiarski to adjourn the meeting; it was Supported by Clerk Diamond. 5 aye Votes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully presented by

Sheryl Diamond, Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWN HALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY JULY 12, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Phillips, here, Clerk Diamond, here, Treasurer Watt, here, Trustee Stawiarski, here, Trustee Watt, here. Also present for the meeting was Jeff Gapczynski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Clerk Diamond made a motion to approve the agenda, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (to pay the bills): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 5 aye votes motion carried.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 14, 2022: Treasurer Watt would like the minutes amended to change the deposit amount from \$75,250.98 to \$74,450.98. The deposit amount is correct in the original minutes, the reason for the change is Treasurer Watt had to put \$800.00 back into Calcite Credit Union since a check hadn't cleared. The amount that stayed in the GF Savings is \$74,450.98. The bank statements and receipts have the \$75,250.98 for the deposit. Clerk Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Watt gave an updated CD report and financial report. He received a check for the second round of ARPA funds in the amount of \$18,232.69 with the already in the GF savings account in the amount of \$18,306.41 for a total of \$36,539.10. Distribution of the first funds has not taken place yet. Clerk Diamond discovered we need to set up a separate account for the funds. Our current account doesn't allow for these account numbers. Administration fee amount from the 2021 tax collections is in General Fund Savings in the amount of \$74,450.98. The Treasurer's printer has stopped receiving commands from the computer and needs replacement.
- B. **Clerk:** Clerk Diamond stated we still don't balance. I was asked how the Audit went; we haven't done it yet. We were waiting to see if we could get balanced first. Supervisor Phillips told me to take everything to the auditor. I have sent out 97 ballots as of the meeting. I sent a corrected Cemetery Certificate out. I mailed the tax-exempt form for Verizon.

- C. **Trustees:** Trustee Stawiarski attended the Onaway Ambulance Authority meeting on June 29, 2022. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. They approved the planting of a tree to honor a Board Member who passed away. The budget is going according to plan. Dallas Hyde may take over the book keeping, moving it from Peach Tree to QuickBooks software. The Woman that was doing the bookkeeping is retiring. Dallas does the financials for Cheboygan Life Support. The financials reports were approved and the bills paid. Main Street Auto in Cheboygan used to be an EMT/Fireman, so he expedites any work for ambulances, He does good and fast work but isn't cheap. OAA billed out \$57,548.00 for ambulance services and have collected \$34,421 about 60%.
- D. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Phillips would like to remind everyone Big Trash Day is July 16, 2022 from 9-3 at the Township Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. **Supervisor:** We will discuss correspondence in New Business due to the recent emails.
- B. **Clerk:** I received the Par Plan News and gave out a copy. Had a scare with the Assessor, he thought we still owed \$100.00 from April. We got that straightened out. The Township had to fill out a request from the County for first right of refusal for properties being foreclosed on. Mileage rate went up July 1, 2022 and will last until December 31, 2022
- C. **Treasurer:** Tax payments have started coming in. If anyone needs their address changed on their tax bills, please call Equalization Department at 989-734-3810 as they are the only ones that can change mailing addresses. Treasurer Watt stated he received checks from William F. Schell for \$150.00 for a cemetery plot with an additional \$50.00 that goes to the sexton. Treasurer Watt said he has been fielding questions about the Disabled Vets receiving tax bills when they are supposed to be exempt from property taxes. He has to direct them to the Assessor's office.
- D. **Trustees:** No correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: For the ARPA funds Treasurer Watt made a motion to open a new checking account at Huron National Bank. He will transfer ALL of the ARPA funds to the new checking account. Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. Roll Call Supervisor Phillips aye, Clerk Diamond aye, Treasurer Watt aye, Trustee Stawiarski aye, Trustee Watt aye. 5 aye votes motion carried.

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWNHALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MI 49759

TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the meeting were Supervisor Michael Phillips, Treasurer James Watt, Clerk Sheryl Diamond, Trustee Lee Stawiarski, Trustee Cheryl Watt, also present for the meeting were Beverly Rossetto, Anna Meyer, Jim Meyer and Barb Knight.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion approved to accept the agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY THE BILLS): Clerk Diamond made a motion to pay the bills, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion, 5 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, minutes approved as presented.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt supplied a new CD report and a financial report. The total ARPA fund is \$36,539.10. We will be setting up the New Checking Account at Huron State Bank this month. Treasurer Watt thanked Supervisor Phillips for getting his new printer. Treasurer Watt stated he has made 2 tax settlements with the County for the taxes that have come in for the month of July. Board of Review adjustments have been made to the tax role so this should help those affected. The new tax bills go out before July Board of Review in July.

B. CLERK: We don't balance. I took the books to the CPA for the Audit and F65 report. The CPA will let us know when he is done. Clerk Diamond stated she is so happy the August election is over. I have received 3 ballots back after the election was over that won't count. Clerk Diamond reported a couple of bills haven't come in yet and those checks will still have to be signed by the Treasurer. Payroll for the elections has been done. We haven't opened the new account for the ARPA funds.

C. TRUSTEE: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance meeting. Regular procedures for reviewing the financial reports and accepting the bills and voting to pay the bills took place. They had 58 runs none of which were for Bearinger Township this month. They billed out \$42,286.35 with a total of \$10,900.60 paid as of the meeting date. Dallas is now the acting bookkeeper and is implementing a new system using Quick Books Essential. After much discussion this system is better than the old system they used. Onaway Ambulance will have their next meeting August 24, 2022.

D. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips stated he has signed and returned the BSA proposal back twice for the Assessor. Big Trash Day was a success, however due to minimal traffic after 2 p.m. He would like to shorten next year's Big Trash Day to end at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. Supervisor Phillips bought a new printer for the Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips received a Zoning Variance for a land owner on 23 N that wants to build closer to the lot line due to a creek in the middle of the land.

B. CLERK: Clerk Diamond reported she has received a FOIA request about the elections. There is MTA training available for their Regional Summit. PIE&G is having their second meeting about broadband. PIE&G is having their annual meeting October 28, 2022 at Onaway High School. The next Officers meeting is September 6, 2022 at 7:00 at Rogers Town Hall.

C. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt would like to remind people that if you need to change your address, you need to contact Equalization Department at (989)-734-3810. The Treasurer is not able to change your address for your tax bills. Treasurer Watt received a check from Chagnon Funeral Home for \$50.00 for the grave marking that was done.

D. TRUSTEE: Neither Trustee had any correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: We are waiting for the new account to be opened so we can write checks for the ARPA funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The Bluffs Hwy. Speed study has been updated with a new map and lower speed signs. The cost of the signage and posts and installation is \$210.00. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to accept the proposal to pay for the signs, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. Roll call vote, Supervisor Phillips aye, Treasurer Watt aye, Clerk Diamond aye, Trustee Stawiarski aye, Trustee Watt aye. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

B. We placed an ad in the Presque Isle Advance for blind bids for the parking lot resurfacing and we received no bids. We will contact several companies for bids ourselves. After we receive them, we will decide who will get the contract.

C. We received a packet from PIE&G Connect franchise with paperwork to be signed for boring and digging in the right of way to install Broadband. Supervisor Phillips read the Resolution. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the resolution Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

D. Trustee Stawiarski has requested an additional fee of \$25.00 for the teardown of the election equipment. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the request. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. Roll Call Vote, Supervisor Phillips aye, Treasurer Watt aye, Clerk Diamond aye, Trustee Watt aye. 4 aye votes motion carried.

E. The Assessor has requested we form an Assessing Committee for the purpose of meeting with the Assessor and getting updates for BOR and Tax exemptions. Treasurer Watt and Trustee Watt will be the Assessing Committee. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the appointments, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Stawiarski thanked the Board for approving the pay increase for Election set up and take down.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Beverly Rossetto thanked us for a nice meeting, she said we accomplished a lot. Mr. And Mrs. Meyer thanked the Board for all our help in getting the Road Commission to help them with getting lower speed signs. The part they wanted lower speed limits is on the part of the road that is considered an alley.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Our next Regular Board Meeting will be September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by

Sheryl Diamond

Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWN HALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We stood for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Michael Phillips Supervisor present, James Watt Treasurer present, Sheryl Diamond Clerk present, Lee Stawiarski Trustee present, Cheryl Watt present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Clerk Diamond made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY BILLS): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Trustee Stawiarski seconded the motion to pay the bills. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt presented the updated CD report. He also provided his financial report and the ARPA fund report. The final tax settlement with the county is the 14th of September which is the last day to pay taxes without penalty. He stated the tax payers seem to be waiting until close to the end of tax season to pay taxes. Treasurer Watt would like to remind everyone if you want to change your address for your taxes you need to contact Equalization Department at 989-734-3810.

B. CLERK: We don't balance, I received the receipts at the meeting for the interest. The audit is ongoing. I took new paperwork to the CPA Monday. We had to put the ARPA funds into 101-000-339 as unearned revenue. I am supposed to get my books back from the CPA Wednesday. Beverly Rossetto (my Deputy Clerk) found several mistakes in all the paperwork and reports will have to be corrected and new reports printed. Vote Here needs to go on the sign outside for the November 8, 2022 Election. I will have to be at the hall about 2p.m. on the 28th for Risk Management analysis. At the Officers Meeting I filled out a survey and put Supervisor Phillips information on it since he was the one that invited Consumers Power to the meeting.

C. TRUSTEES: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Authority Meeting. She stated they did the regular procedures for reviewing the financial reports and accepting them. Voting to pay the bills took place. There was a total of 59 runs 1 of which was for Bearinger Township. They billed out \$51,147.55 with a total of \$4,148.13 paid as of the meeting. One of the trucks will need rear end work in the near future. The County ARPA fund distribution and

how it will affect separate entities of the County were discussed. They are looking at funding as a per population.

Trustee Stawiarski attended the Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting was approved. The Ambulance Service wasn't expecting 3 pay periods in the same month. Subscriptions were down \$11,000.00. The hope is subscriptions will continue to trickle in to cover the added expenses. The review of the budget through 2024 looks like it may be tight for income/expenses. The RCASA had to replace an ambulance engine in the amount of \$5,054.78. New tires, tie rods, and brake work will be completed next week. Mike Lynch Dealership stated chassis are hard to find. None are coming from EV Plus Cost of a new ambulance is outrageous. New EMT was hired with the expectation of another one might be hired soon. Ambulance Service needs to know what date/time City of Posen needs an ambulance during the Potato Festival. July was one of the busiest months of the year. Police Officers are calling ambulance service for fender benders in order to reduce their own liability. Bearinger Township had 3 runs in July. Trustee Stawiarski also attended the PIE&G COOP Liaison Board Meeting. For the last ten years PIE&G has returned \$22,287,000.00 to customers, in 2022 \$1.4 million returned to customers. They are running in a deficit of \$422.795 mainly due to the new building construction. PIE&G buys their power from Wolverine Cooperative. The 2022 the kilowatt-hour charge has increased but the availability charge did not increase. Gas rates have gone up \$.06 and will increase again in 2023. Not using coal for generating electricity is one cause for prices to increase on natural gas. \$22,000,000 was the cost to build the new headquarters and construction remained within budget. PIE&G is installing new smart automated meters, 81 % Of them are installed. 18 more poles are to be installed. The bulk of the work will be completed by the end of 2022. There is a power deficit expected because of shifting away from coal to natural gas and renewables. There could be rolling black outs in Michigan. The State needs an additional 80,000 acres of farmland for solar to make up this deficit. Black outs are more likely to occur during the summer due to air conditioning usage. PIE&G will be offering Internet and Voice service soon. Download and upload speed will be the same 100 Mbps. The cost for internet will be \$54.95 for auto pay for 100 megabytes per second You will have to add \$5.00 if not on auto pay. Voice service will be \$29.95 plus taxes and fees. Vacation Internet will be \$20.00 per month. Vacation Voice service will be \$10.00 per month

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips presented the ARPA Premium Pay check to the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department in the amount of \$3,653.97. Supervisor Phillips removed all the flags from the Cemetery.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: None.

B. Clerk: Clerk Diamond stated she received the receipt for Accident Fund. I received a packet from USPS with information about election envelopes. I received the sample ballot without the 3 proposals on it. There will be 3 proposals on the November Ballot. On October 28, 2022 the

annual PIE&G board meeting will take place at the Onaway High School at 10:00 in the morning. I received the new policy from Lappan. I received the approved resolution from Dykerma. This is the approved permits for the Metro Act. I put the new year for MTA on the plaque at the hall. The L-4029 has been approved and signed. We need more Election Inspectors. The County Clerk stated she might have to have another training class in October so Inspectors can be certified.

C. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt has been fielding several tax related calls, some of which are about changing addresses. Other correspondence has been limited.

D. TRUSTEE: One of the Trustees had a taxpayer complain about the township.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Watt made a motion to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the Township Hall for the Maintenance man to use. The spending amount will be \$200.00 or less. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. Roll call vote Supervisor Phillips aye, Treasurer Watt aye, Clerk Diamond aye, Trustee Stawiarski aye, Trustee Watt aye. 5 aye votes, motion carried. Supervisor Phillips will buy the new vacuum on his Township Credit card.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

BOARD COMMENT: Treasurer Watt thanked Supervisor Phillips for all the work he put in for getting the signs for Bluffs Highway.

ADJOURNMENT: Clerk Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 6:30p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by

Sheryl Diamond Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWN HALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MI 49759

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Phillips present, Treasurer Watt present, Clerk Diamond present, Trustees Watt and Stawiarski present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Clerk Diamond made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes motion to approve the agenda carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY THE BILLS): Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the consent agenda to pay the bills, Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt passed out the new CD report, the Bearinger Township financial report and the ARPA Fund report. We don't balance, the checking account is almost \$2,000.00 off and the GV Savings is way off. Tax season went off without much trouble. The main issues were with over payments and bounced checks. Late tax payments are still coming in. I want to formally thank the help that my wife gives for free. It takes 2 days to prepare the tax bills to send out. This year Trustee Stawiarski was a great help and took the tax bills to the post office while our son was in the hospital. Thank you, Lee.

B. CLERK: Clerk Diamond stated she went and picked up the Audit and F-65 reports from the CPA. Lots of issues with the paperwork they gave on the Audit. I met Risk Management at the hall and was given a whole packet of information that I passed out. They did recommend we get a carbon monoxide detector. P.A.C. Sanitation has given us their contract for next year's Big Trash Day. Supervisor Phillips signed it and sent it back. Big Trash Day will be July 15, 2023 from 8-2:30. My neighbor never received a copy of their Veteran's Exemption. I made a copy for them and gave it to them. Like Treasurer Watt stated we don't balance.

C. TRUSTEE: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance meeting on September 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order. They reviewed the financial reports and accepted them. They voted to pay the bills. They had 65 runs which included 2 for Bearinger Township.

They billed out \$67,346.40. They received \$9,473.62 as of the meeting date. Last month it was mentioned one truck needed rear end work, which has been completed. The County ARPA fund distribution was discussed. How it will affect separate entities of the county was also discussed. We are waiting for the County on this. The next Onaway Area Ambulance meeting will be October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

D. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips stated he purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the hall. It is bag-less and cost \$98.00 at Walmart. He contacted the Presque Isle Road Commission regarding vandalism of the Bluffs Highway signage that was recently installed. Someone came along and pulled all the signs out and threw them in the ditch.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips received notice from Jeff G. about the Bluffs Speed limit signs being vandalized. He was contacted by someone wanting one or two plots in our Cemetery.

B. CLERK: Clerk Diamond stated she has received a lot of calls for Absent Voter Ballots. I ordered new envelopes on September 18, 2022. It took over 3 weeks to get them. I wasn't able to send out the rest of the Absent Voter Ballots until I received the envelopes. All of the ballots have been sent out that I had paperwork for. PIE&G will be sending out Capitol Credits at the end of October 2022. MTA is offering Officer Training in case anyone wanted to do the in-person training. Presque Isle County Clerk sent a list of Poll Challengers for the upcoming election. I asked Supervisor Phillips about me calling about the parking lot resurfacing. He asked me to proceed.

C. TRUSTEES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: the CPA audit has lots of mistakes. The Board members are going to take a couple of weeks and read through it and see if there are any more mistakes. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to allow the Board to review the Audit. Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Beverly Rossetto said the fire fighters and first responders thank Bearinger Township for the ARPA Funds. They will be sending the Board a Thank-you card.

BOARD COMMENT: November 8, 2022 was supposed to be our next meeting, it will now be held on November 15, 2022 at 6:30 due to the Elections being held on November 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Clerk Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be November 15, 2022

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by

Sheryl Diamond Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWNHALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. We stood for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Phillips, present, Treasurer Watt, present, Clerk Diamond, present, Trustee Stawiarski, present, Trustee Watt, Present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY BILLS): Supervisor Phillips made a motion to pay the bills, Trustee Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Trustee Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: Treasurer Watt stated the CD report is off. He passed out updated Cd report, the Township financial report and the ARPA fund report. Late taxes are still coming in. Calcite does interest quarterly so their interest isn't available yet. There has been no movement on the ARPA funds. He suggested increasing the Treasurer's mileage allotment due to tax season. We do receive an administrative fee to help cover this. The Winter News Letter has been printed and delivered to the county Equalization Department.

B. CLERK: The Treasurer and I do not balance. He wanted to get together to figure out where we went wrong with the account totals but it was during the elections. I asked for a meeting at a later date. I sent all Board of Review members the paperwork to update their training. I am so happy elections are over. I successfully uploaded the voter history to QVF. All payroll for elections is done. All 3 proposals passed. From what I understand Property Taxes might have to go up to pay for the 9 days of early voting that just passed. We will see what the State comes up with. I am going to have to get paid more than my regular salary to do the extra 9 days of in person voting.

C. TRUSTEES: Trustee Watt attended the Onaway Area Ambulance meeting. It was called to order at 6:02 and concluded at 6:30 p.m. They did the regular procedures for reviewing the financial reports and accepting the bills. Voting to pay the bills took place. They had 67 runs zero were for Bearinger Township. They billed out \$57,548.00 with a total of \$34,752,058 paid as of the meeting date. The Ambulance Authority wants to buy two lift mats that normally cost \$1,400.00 each, they found they can get some for \$500.00 each. They are waiting to figure the finances for the purchase. They received the ARPA Funds Bearinger Township gave them. The County ARPA fund distribution and how it will affect separate entities of the county was discussed. They are waiting for the County on this. They need a new smaller vehicle to replace the ECHO unit that they now have. They are looking into how to finance it and

would like to use the ARPA Funds from the County. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2022.

Trustee Stawiarski attended the Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting. It was called to order at 6:01 and adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Financial report was presented. They have \$522,541.50 total assets. Running at a deficit. They had an audit response, questionnaire from the State to find out how the ambulance services functions. Rogers City Ambulance will get a share of the ARPA funds that the county is receiving. They currently have one ambulance out of service, high pressure fuel pump is out. It will cost \$15-\$17,000 to repair. Two other ambulances need repairs, 1 is leaking antifreeze and the other probably has a bad water pump. There is a Remounted chassis for sale from Bellaire or Mackinaw Island, RCASA is thinking about purchasing it. Fire department are having the same problems. More maintenance costs to keep the trucks running longer. New ambulance costs are going up 10% each year. The RCASA placed a purchase request for 2 power loads from Stryker with the ARPA funds received from the County \$52,000 installed. Bearinger Township ARPA funds have been received. They are searching for another part-time medic and a supervisor to take over for Jim Fluery when he retires. Medic program is starting in Alpena. Scott McClellan thought tuition reimbursement to those attending would be a good idea to do. Medical licenses cost more than RN licenses. In August they had 2 calls for Bearinger Township, September also had to Bearinger Township calls.

D: SUPERVISOR: Had nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips received an email from Jeff G about the signs on Bluffs Highway. The email was also shared with Dave at the Road Commission. They had to put the speed limit signs back in but there are signs missing. We will have to see what happens after contact with Dave. The Assessor sent out BOR training available on Zoom November 29, 2022 6-9 p.m. and December 5, 2022 from 9-12 p.m.

B. CLERK: I received EAGLE reports about complaint for illegally filling in wetlands. There was a response and pics of the completed work. I turned in my paperwork at PIE&G connect. I will be getting their new broadband real soon. Electricity bills will be going up about \$2.80 per month due to the cost of PIE&G acquiring electricity from Wolverine Power. I received a check from Lappan Insurance company for no claims for the year. I gave it to the Treasurer to deposit into our account.

C. TREASURER: Escrow requests are arriving from the financial institutions. Still fielding tax information requests for tax payers for the summer 2022 tax season. Treasurer Watt stated he received tax info from the Assessor.

D. TRUSTEES: Neither had any correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: Since we haven't heard anything from the CPA or made any further findings so far with the Audit. We are tabling this discussion until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Assessing contract has been sent to us. Copies were made for all Board members to read over. We are going to compare it to the old contract.

B. 2023 meeting dates were decided on. There will be a clip and save ad in the Presque Isle Advance newspaper with all the times and dates for next year.

C. Ken Hopp sent a new contract for snow plowing. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to accept the contract, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried. Contract was signed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by

Sheryl Diamond

Bearinger Township Clerk

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

17034 TOWN HALL HIGHWAY

MILLERSBURG, MI 49759

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2022

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We all stood for the Pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Phillips present, Treasurer Watt present, Clerk Diamond present, Trustee Stawiarski present. Trustee Watt was unable to attend due to illness.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (TO PAY THE BILLS): Clerk Diamond made a motion to pay the bills. Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the minutes. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. TREASURER: The new CD report was updated and passed out. The Financial report was presented. We don't balance. There has been no movement on the ARPA Fund account. Treasurer Watt thanked Supervisor Phillips for getting the new updated programs for the Treasurer's computer. Now it is just getting everything transferred from the old computer to the new one. Tax Season will hold this up for a short while. Clerk Diamond and I will be getting together to compare books in the next few weeks after tax season slows a bit.

B. CLERK: The Clerk and Treasurer don't balance. That will probably be addressed after the holidays. As of this meeting I still had two bills that hadn't come in that needs to be paid before payroll at the end of the month. I printed information from MTA, a bill passed MI Senate to reimburse local units for Disabled Vet Exemption. The MI Senate also passed the Presidential Primary to be moved to February in 2024 instead of March. Both bills have to go to the MI House to be passed them off to the Governor to be signed into law. I also printed MTA guidelines for office hours for end of year tax collection. It is supposed to be February 28th from 9-5. I filed the 2023 asset forfeiture report online. Bearinger Township had none. PIE&G Broadband is amazing. Any underground lines for broadband will not be done now until spring.

C. TRUSTEE: The Onaway Area Ambulance meeting was attended by Trustee Watt on November 30, 2022. They reviewed the financial reports, accepted the bills and voted to pay them. They had 49 runs none of them were for Bearinger Township. This does not take into account people picked up in Onaway at the Quick Care that are from Bearinger Township. The

Onaway Ambulance billed out \$40,259.50. They have received a total of \$6,645.46 as of the meeting. The Onaway Ambulance is looking to replace their ECHO unit with a vehicle from the Sheriff Department. As of the meeting they don't have a price for it yet. The County ARPA fund distribution and how it will affect separate entities of the county was discussed. We are waiting for the County on this. Recertification for Medicare needs to be done. This will start January 1, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2022

D. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips processed 2 plot sales for the Cemetery. He attended the Board of Review certification training. The training is good for 2 years. The December Board of Review was cancelled due to no business being scheduled with the Assessing office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Phillips received a card from Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department thanking Bearinger Township for giving them an ARPA Fund donation for premium pay.

B. Clerk: I received a check from the US Treasury, it is made out to Township of Bearinger Pension plan % Beverly Rossetto. I contacted the pension plan to see why the Treasury would send a check like this. I sent them a copy of the check and gave them information they asked for to be able to determine where it goes. Calcite Credit Union where we have our property tax account at is changing their name to Alpena-Alcona Area Credit Union. Or AAACU for short.

C. TREASURER: The only correspondence was folks calling about taxes. Some of the calls were told to call Equalization Department at the County Building.

D. TRUSTEES: Neither Trustee had any correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Phillips asked Clerk Diamond to contact the CPA to see if they will come to our next board meeting to go over the Audit with us.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jim Mckindles and Nancy Shutes are requesting a land division. They provided maps so we could see what they wanted us to vote on. Treasurer Watt made a motion to split the lots 63A and 63B. Supervisor supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried. The Clerk will send paperwork to the Assessor.

B. The Assessor sent a new contract to the Board. Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to approve the new contract. Treasurer Watt supported the motion. Roll call vote, Supervisor Phillips yes, Treasurer Watt yes, Clerk Diamond yes, Trustee Stawiarski yes. 4 aye votes motion carried.

C. BIG TRASH DAY: We received the contract from PAC Sanitation for big trash day. There was a small increase in the tire prices and increase in truck loads by about \$15.00 Big trash Day will be July 15, 2023 from 8am to 2:30 p.m. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to accept the contract, Treasurer Watt seconded the motion. Roll Call vote, Supervisor Phillips yes, Treasurer Watt yes, Clerk Diamond yes, Trustee Stawiarski yes. 4 aye votes, motion carried.

D. RESOLUTION FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. Supervisor Phillips read and made a motion to approve a resolution #03-2022, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 4 aye votes, resolution approved.

E. POVERTY EXEMPTION: Supervisor Phillips read the Poverty Exemption guidelines and made a motion to approve the Poverty Exemption, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 4 aye votes, Resolution # 04-2022 was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nancy Shutes asked if the Assessor Resolution will make Allan Berg more accessible. We are hoping that will be the case. Beverly Rossetto stated she was impressed with all the work we did at the meeting and how quickly everything was accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn, Clerk Diamond supported the motion. 4 aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned

The next Regular Board Meeting will be January 10, 2023 at 1:00

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by

Sheryl Diamond

Bearinger Township Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Bluffs highway speed study: The Road Commissioner drove the route and said they will provide the signs and posts to lower the speed limit to 25MPH. It will cost the township \$210.00. These are yellow signs not the white speed limit signs. We aren't sure why they didn't lower it to 15MPH since it is classified as an alley. Jeff Gapczynski expressed concern about the sign not saying 15. We advised him to go to a Road Commission meeting and ask them why it is listed as an alley which is always 15mph and they aren't getting the sign that reflects that. Mr. Gapczynski will reach out to the Road Commission to see when their next meeting is.
- B. Parking lot resurfacing update: WE have received zero bids for the Township Hall Parking lot resurfacing. AT the first of August Supervisor Phillips will reach out to companies to get bids.
- C. BS&A: Supervisor Phillips made a motion to approve BS&A for the Assessor, Treasurer Watt supported the motion. 5 aye votes. Motion carried.
- D. Supervisor Phillips read the First Right of Refusal Resolution to the board. This is to wave our right of refusal for properties foreclosed on. Supervisor Phillips made a motion to wave our rights, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.
- E. Clerk Diamond made a motion to change the November 8, 2022 meeting to November 15, 2022 due to the Elections being held on the 8th.Treasurer Watt supported the motion 5 aye votes, motions carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: We were thanked again for all our help with the Bluffs Highway speed study.

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Stawiarski has asked for dates that the Cemetery needs to be mowed and weed wacked for the internments that are taking place at the end of July. He said it will all be done before the 29th when people will need to be there for internment.

ADJOURNMENT: Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn the meeting Supervisor Phillips supported the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Next meeting will be August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Sheryl Diamond, Bearinger Township Clerk