

**BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**17034 TOWN HALL HIGHWAY**  
**MILLERSBURG, MICHIGAN 49759**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2024**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Adams present, Clerk Rhadigan present, Treasurer Watt present, Trustee Stawiarski present, Trustee Watt present, Also present were, Beverly Rossetto, Cathi Adams, Tammy Johnson, Nancy Shutes, Jim McKindles

**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:** Trustee Stawiarski made a motion to pay the bills, Supervisor Adams supported the motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:** As Corrected, Cheryl Watt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Trustee Stawiarski supported the motion, 5 aye votes, motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**A. TREASURER:**

Treasurer Watt presented the Financial Report and the CD report. ARPA funds. Taxes 424,739.63 collected. ~~Township holds back 27,913.78 which goes into general fund to pay school, county~~

**B. CLERK:**

TCC code needed to file taxes on line which we would not receive prior to W2's going out. Auditor efilting for us. Received Payroll contributions refund for being accident free. Form 941 sent in reporting S.S./Medicare/Federal.

**C. TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Watt attended Onaway Area Ambulance meeting held Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They had 51 runs previous month with 2 from Bearinger Township. Pay still an issue but they have increased it some. Able to retain one of their employees after the pay increase. Next meeting Jan. 22, 2025

Trustee Stawiarski attended Rogers City Ambulance Service Authority meeting held Dec. 11, 2024. Solar project may bring in 1m and pay Rogers City Ambulance \$200,000 per year. Will wait for things to break as they have found costs to be less than doing preventative maintenance. 2 medics have completed their training classes and will be coming to Roger City Ambulance full time. October busy, Nov. they saw usual slowdown. Katy Carignan was hired as the Ambulance Authority Attorney. No longer associated with Wall Law, was hired direct.

Ambulance runs

Oct. Bearinger – 1 no transport: 1 transport, Ocqueoc – 1 no transport: 5 transports

Nov. Bearinger- 0 no transport: 4 transports, Ocqueoc – 2 no transport: 0 transports

Next meeting Feb. 12, 2025

#### **D. SUPERVISOR**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

##### **A. SUPERVISOR:**

1 call taxpayer, referred to PI, tax payer property use, referred to building inspector PI County. Got a call from County Treasurer questioning money being sent in for Bluff's Hwy.

##### **B. TREASURER:**

Receiving tax calls. Spam emails requesting transfer of funds which are designed to look like they are coming from the clerk. Advised the board to be extra cautious.

##### **C. CLERK:**

Call questioning short term rentals; referred to PI County; emails regarding taxes passed along to Treasurer. Fireboard report out. Preliminary budget approved, we will review in Feb. at the Township meeting. Approved posting for 2 captains jobs. Fire station carpet old and stained, will be getting quotes for replacement.

##### **D. TRUSTEES:**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ARPA funds, Big Trash Day, office equipment

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Dog Ordinance. Tammy Johnson present and requested that leash ordinance signs be put up by the county, with Tammy and Michael Johnson incurring the expense. Sheriff Whitford

recommended they seek Township approval as a result of her dog being injured by an unleashed dog and other unleashed dogs charging towards her while out walking her leashed dog. She would work with the road commission to have signs installed. Treasurer Watt made a motion to give approval and will put leash notice in the newsletter. Supervisor Adams supported motion. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

**B.** Clerk - Pension payment sent in later than normal due to Clerk and Supervisor needing to be assigned account numbers. Mileage now .70 cents instead of .67 cents for 2025. Board of Review, training needed every 2 years. Need email addresses/phone numbers for those on the BOR so I can contact.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nancy asked for treasurer's written report monthly. Treasurer's report is reviewed monthly at meetings. Nancy given a copy of December's report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Treasurer Watt made a motion to adjourn, Clerk Rhadigan seconded motion. 5 aye votes

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Minutes taken and respectively presented by

Sandra Rhadigan, Township Clerk