

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Monday, August 8, 2011
7 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM followed by the Pledge. All board members were present.

Public comments on the agenda were heard. Glen Lunceford made a request to be put on the agenda concerning Fire Department business. Treasurer Phelps wanted to add a Web Site discussion to the agenda. Both items were added to the agenda under New Business. Clerk Shutes made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Clerk Shutes presented the check registers from June and July 2011 and mileage sheets to be approved. Trustee Augustine made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Check registers can be viewed on the Bearinger Township Web Site, www.bearingertownship.org.

Treasurer Phelps presented the financial status of Bearinger Township.

Savings account	\$212,924.71
Checking account	2,777.75
CD (savings)	101,151.25
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	\$316,853.25

The township is financially secure. There was talk about decreasing the Tax Allocation in September. The Administration fee (1%) could also be omitted. There are foreclosed properties that the county wanted to know if Bearinger Township was interested in purchasing. Shutes made a motion to waive the right to purchase these properties. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Phelps stated her concerns about the Fire Department. She still wants to see an official roster, certifications and an inventory. There is plenty of money in the general fund to support the Fire Department.

Augustine made a motion to accept the minutes from the June, 2011 meeting

as written. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed. Shutes had two quotes for insurance policies. Michigan Municipal League and the current holder, Lappan Insurance, each submitted quotes. Slawinski made a motion to continue using the local company, Lappan Insurance. Augustine seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Augustine, yes. Shutes, yes. Phelps, yes. Dowker, yes and Slawinski, yes. All in favor so the motion carried. Slawinski made a motion to continue to use the services of MTA. Augustine seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Augustine, yes. Dowker, yes. Shutes, no. Phelps, no. Slawinski, yes. Due to majority vote, the motion carried.

There was a thank you note from the organizers of the HIPPO Arts and Crafts Fair.

Shutes reported that as of August 31, 2011 the Assessor's salary will increase by \$64.64. This change is because Trevor Most is now being considered an employee instead of a contractual hire. The \$64.64 is the cost to the township for social security and Medicare.

The township assessor, Trevor Most, reported that he is doing business as usual.

Trustee Augustine reported that Chris Garst has the inventory for the Fire Department completed. The roster was erased. Anna Beach the new Emergency Medical Responders' coordinator will type up the current roster. Augustine thanked everyone for their hard work on the inventory. There will be a Special Fire Board meeting on September 1 at 7 PM at the fire hall.

Trustee Dowker reported that the new equipment purchased by Onaway Ambulance did not fit so it was sent back. They got different equipment from a different company. They can get oxygen from Cheboygan Medical Center for 1/3 less than they pay now.

Supervisor Slawinski had a notice about the townships supporting a hazardous material incident. An ad for bids for the town hall wiring was put in the Advance. There were bids for the parking lot to be paved. Slawinski made a motion to table the paving until spring. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Slawinski made a motion to purchase an outdoor information sign for \$356 including shipping.

Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Glen Lunceford is forming an Auxiliary Fire Department and is looking for volunteers. Call Glen at 989-733-4389 if interested. Glen requested board approval to sell Fire Department items that are no longer used. The money will go back to the Fire Department's general fund. Shutes made a motion to approve the sale of Fire Department items. Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Phelps wanted to clarify that Trustee Augustine is the contact person for the Web Site. The site needs to be updated. The calendar is very confusing. The Fire Department roster is incorrect. Augustine will contact the Web Master. Shutes reported that she sent an email to Jeanette Tolan about the same concerns. The Onaway Ambulance Service minutes will be added to the site.

Public comments were heard. Hank Filipowski wants the do away with the Administration Fee on our tax bills. Glen Lunceford said the board did an outstanding job tonight.

Slawinski made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. The next regular board meeting is on October 10, 2011 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk