

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2011 7 PM
Minutes, 1st Copy

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

Public comments on the agenda were heard. Assessor Most requested that he be moved up so he could leave to complete town ship work. Supervisor Slawinski made a motion to move T. Most up on the agenda. Treasurer Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Trustee Augustine made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Clerk Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Most reported that house values are dropping. The taxable value will go up due to the 2.27% inflation rate multiplier. This is higher than last year. Foreclosures are down. House and land sales are up a little.

Check registers and mileage sheets were reviewed and signed. Augustine made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Treasurer Phelps presented the financial report as of November 30, 2011.

Savings	\$202,758.28
Checking	6,751.23
CD	<u>101,754.44</u>
	\$311,263.95

Phelps reported that there is a new tax on the tax bills. The Veterans Relief Fund. Based on tax bills the highest taxed property saved \$935.47 by not having a Fire Department millage. The lowest saved \$2.07. Rogers City Ambulance costs the tax payer with the highest taxed property \$684.68 and the tax payer with the lowest \$1.51. There was discussion concerning the Administration Fee on the tax bills. After much discussion the board will not eliminate this tax. It amounts to around \$15,000 in revenues.

Phelps made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 10th, 2011 meeting with minor corrections. Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes reported that the Fire Board will vote on having an Auxiliary F.D. Copies of the new volunteer agreement will also be voted on. The Fire Board meeting is on January 5 @ 7 PM. Absentee Ballots for the Republican Primary to be held on February 28th, 2012 will be available after the first to the year. Assessor Most's pay check will have to be adjusted if the payroll tax cut is not extended. This will be so he has the same amount of take home pay according to his contract.

Trustee Augustine is now co-chair of the Roger City Ambulance board. Trustee Dowker reported that the Cheboygan Hospital is going to close if nothing changes. A decision will be made after the new year. Both trustee's reports are available on the township web site at www.bearingertownship.org.

Slawinski reported that the wiring for the town hall is completed. The building is now up to code. Insulation, fly strips and bat clean up were completed in the attic.

Public comments were heard. Irv Dedow questioned the insulation bill. John Malasky wanted to know how we will fund the fire department. Irene Seelye requested use of the hall and grounds for the 42 annual H.I.P.P.O show on July 7& 8. Hank Filiposki wants the Admin Fee eliminated.

Slawinski made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Phelps seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. The next meeting is on February 13, 2012 @ 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk

