

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway  
Regular Meeting, Monday, February 14, 2011, 7 PM

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Supervisor Slawinski purchased a used podium for \$3.00 out of his own pocket. The podium will be used for public comments.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Slawinski at 7:03 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Trustee Dowker and Treasurer Phelps were absent. Trustee Augustine, Clerk Shutes and Supervisor Slawinski were present so there was a quorum.

Clerk Shutes made a motion to accept the agenda with the following changes. Marie Chagnon-Hazelman from Presque Isle Electric and Power was added at the beginning of the agenda. Trevor Most, assessor, was moved to up so he could leave to finish assessor's work. Doris Parker was also added. Trustee Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Ms Chagnon-Hazelman reported that there are 35,000 meter in the Co-Op. Half are seasonal meters. The October storm knocked out a record number of houses. If you have questions she can be reached at 989-733-8515 Monday through Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM.

Trevor Most has been working on the assessment roll. The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 15 from 9 AM-3 PM and on Thursday, March 17 from 3 PM-9 PM. The organizational meeting is on March 8 at noon and is open to the public. Clerk Shutes made a motion to accept these dates for the Board of Review. Trustee Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Supervisor Slawinski made a motion to appoint Doug Phelps, Hank Filipowski and Rita Lunceford to sit on the Board of Review. Jim McKindles will be the alternate. Clerk Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Assessor Most will be there to answer questions.

Doris Parker spoke to the board about the Ocqueoc River Watershed Council. She is asking each township for a \$50 donation. Trustee Augustine will research the legality of this and there will be further discussion when the whole board is available to vote.

The consent agenda, which consists of accounts payable, payroll and mileage was discussed. Clerk Shutes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Check registers and mileage sheets were signed.

Deputy Treasurer Irene Seelye presented the financial reports for December, 2010 and January, 2011. As of January 31, 2011 the Savings Account has \$152,033.41. There is a balance of \$6,434.54 in the Checking Account. The CD (savings) has \$100,523.96 for a

total of \$258,991.91. EMS has \$31,741.03.

Supervisor Slawinski made a motion to accept the minutes from the December, 13, 2010 meeting with corrections. Trustee Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Supervisor Slawinski wants to set the town hall answering machine so each official's telephone number is available. He reported that the bat problem has been taken care of. The attic has been vacuumed and holes have been sealed. As of now there are no bats. If we suspect the bat problem has resurfaced we can call Outdoor Products and they will get rid of the bats free of charge. Supervisor Slawinski has appointed Glenn Lunceford to be his Deputy Supervisor.

Clerk Shutes reported that Sally Kazabowski has resigned from her job of cleaning the Town Hall and mowing the town hall and cemetery lawns. Anyone interested in this job should contact Clerk Shutes @ 989-938-6554 for details. An ad will also be put in the newspapers. Bids will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and reviewed at the April, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 board meeting. The check registers and Preliminary Budget Reports can be found on the web site, [www.bearingertownship.org](http://www.bearingertownship.org). The township got a \$10 a month discount from PC Advantage for paying from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. All federal tax payments must be made electronically beginning in January, 2011. Clerk Shutes requested permission to amend the budget across categories to cover this expense. Supervisor Slawinski made a motion to allow Clerk Shutes to amend the budget. Clerk Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. \$18.87 will be moved from 101-101-955, Governing Body miscellaneous, to 101-270-715, employer Social Security cost. \$743.49 will be moved from 101-101-955, Governing Body miscellaneous, to 101-270-716, employer Medicare cost. Taxes for 2011 have now been prepaid based on the amount of \$1712.93 that was provided by the Federal Government.

Trustee Augustine reported that we can get Worker's Comp Insurance for a cheaper rate through Michigan Municipal League. We will pursue this when our current insurance expires in August, 2011. Trustee Augustine read minutes from the Onaway ambulance meeting and reported on the Roger City ambulance meeting. The handicap parking grant has not been approved, yet. It was suggested that we get more bids. No work can be done until the frost leaves.

There will be a Special Township board meeting and a Public Hearing to present the budget beginning at 7 PM on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Clerk Shutes made a motion to hold this meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. There will be a Special Budget meeting with Ocqueoc Township, Bearinger Township and the Fire Board to discuss the proposed Fire Department budget. This meeting is on February 28, 2011 at 7 PM at Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Hall which is located at U.S. 23 and Town Hall highway.

The meeting was open for Public Comments. Chris Garst has concerns about the Fire Department. He thinks their budget proposal is too extravagant and out of line with the

state of the economy. Glenn Lunceford wants the board to start working together and to stop the negative comments that continue between board members. Beverly Rossetto knows a handyman who might be willing to do the town hall maintenance work

Clerk Shutes made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be on April 11, 2011 @ 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk