

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

17034 Town Hall Highway

Regular Meeting, April 11, 2011 7 PM

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The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was requested for the passing of two Bearinger Township residents. Chester Pilaczynski and John Rossetto.

Roll call was taken. All board members were present.

Public comments on the agenda were heard. Glen Lunceford wanted the board to discuss the Joint Fire Department Agreement. He was concerned that the board signed the agreement without knowing about changes from the original draft. Clerk Shutes presented two letters from the attorney who reviewed the final draft and recommended the changes. Because the agreement will be void after March 31, 2013 and a new agreement will be put into place, the board will honor the agreement that was signed on December 13, 2010. This seemed to satisfy Mr. Lunceford.

Clerk Shutes made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Mileage and two check registers were reviewed and signed. Shutes made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Augustine seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Treasurer Phelps presented the financial report. The ending balance in the savings account is \$218,519.04. The ending balance in the checking account is \$7,608.43. The CD (savings) has \$100,832.17. This totals \$326,959.64. The EMS account has \$31,751.29. The township is in great financial shape. All delinquent taxes have been turned over to the county. Phelps MADE A MOTION THAT THE BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD MUST RECEIVE A CURRENT ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WITH COPIES OF EACH EMPLOYEE'S STATE CERTIFICATION ATTACHED AND A CURRENT INVENTORY LIST, BEFORE PAYING OUR FIRST HALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS, NOT, discussed with holding the township payment to the Fire Department until we see a current roster, certificates that show who is qualified to do what and a current inventory. THERE WAS NO SECOND ON THE MOTION.

Augustine reported that she is compiling the volunteers certificates and will have them by the end of the month. She and Chris Garst will do the inventory. The money will be paid in April when the board receives the above information.

There were some grammatical errors in the minutes. Two sentences needed to be reworded. The bat problem WILL BE taken care of WHEN THE WEATHER IMPROVES and we will pursue A QUOTE BEFORE our current insurance expires. Phelps made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments. Trustee Dowker seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Correspondence was discussed. Phelps attended the P.I.O.A. meeting and presented a handout concerning board and narrow band radios. By 2013 all radios need to be narrow band or they won't pick up emergency calls. Augustine stated that the fire department knows about this and will comply.

Clerk Shutes reminded everyone to vote on May 3<sup>rd</sup> . This election is a millage renewal for Onaway Schools special education programs. The public accuracy test for the Accu Vote machine is on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 in the City Hall commissars chambers.

Trevor Most, Township Assessor, presented the board with his new contract. There were no changes in his pay. Augustine read an opinion from a lawyer about assessors being employees instead of contractual. After much discussion it was decided that Mr. Most will remain a contractual worker unless the IRS tells us differently. Currently he receives a 1099 form that he uses for his tax return. Shutes made a motion to accept Most's contract. Supervisor Slawinski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Augustine, no. Shutes, yes. Dowker, yes. Phelps, yes. Slawinski, yes. Due to a majority yes vote the motion carried.

Supervisor Slawinski reported that once the weather gets warmer the bat problem will be under control. This will also help with the fly problem. An electrical contractor will submit a bid for electrical work when the Bat Man has the panels on the ceiling removed. Grant, from Grant's Maintenance suggested fly strips would help with the fly problem. Slawinski complimented Grant on the great job he is doing with the town hall clean up.

Trustee Dowker reported that Onaway Ambulance has purchased two Lucas

CPR units for \$25,000. \$2,000 was contributed by the employees out of their Employee Fund.

Trustee Augustine presented a packet with much information for the board. There was discussion about tax payers receiving receipts. According to the information the board received, tax receipts will be returned if the tax payer provides a self addressed stamped envelope or appears in person at the Treasurer's office to get the receipt stamped or they can use their cancelled check. This satisfied Mr. MaiAN. Dowker presented a calendar where she and Trustee Augustine had placed labels on all the dates Treasurer Phelps claimed mileage. It appeared this calendar was to show excessive mileage. PhELps stated that according to her training she is supposed to make bank deposits on a regular basis. Some of the trips were for reasons other than tax deposits. Phelps has not done any thing differently than the former treasurer.

The handicap parking grant has not been received. Shutes gave Augustine another name for a bid for the parking space.

The telephone messages can be accessed from any phone by calling the number and entering the necessary code.

Public comments on Township business only were heard. Karen Silver thinks it's time the board starts working together. She thinks Phelps is doing a great job. Supervisor Slawinski hopes the board can act like adults and work towards bettering the township by taking care of township business.

Slawinski made a motion to adjourn. Phelps seconded the motion. All board members remaining were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next regular meeting will be on June 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Bearinger Township Clerk