

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway
Millersburg, Michigan
April 14, 2015

Supervisor J.G. Malaski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present for the meeting were Board Members, Supervisor John G. Malaski, Treasurer Keitha Malaski, Clerk Beverly Rossetto and Trustees Archie J. Patterson II and Kay Dowker. Others in attendance were Bob Hartmann, Anna Mero, Gwen Sutton, Duane Walker, Doug Phelps, Doris Parker, Phil Shishmian, John Schoff, Irv Dedow, Emilie and Tom Stawiarski, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles, Byron DeLong and Cynthia and Don Matthews.

Approval of Agenda: Keitha Malaski made a motion to approve the agenda, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Keitha Malaski to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the March 10, 2015 regular board meeting minutes and the minutes of the special meeting held March 23, 2015 to interview and hire an assessor for Bearinger Township. Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the minutes, Keitha Malaski supported the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto presented correspondence from Attorney Timothy MacArthur for the municipal retainer agreement for April 1, 2105 to March 31, 2016 for the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars. Roll call vote to approve the agreement: Kay Dowker – yes, Keitha Malaski – yes, Archie Patterson – yes, Beverly Rossetto – yes and John Malaski – yes. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Keitha Malaski gave account balances and stated that the final settlement for the 2014 taxes has been made with the county treasurer’s office. Treasurer Malaski stated that after the settlement a taxes payers check was returned for insufficient funds and a report had to be filed with the Prosecuting Attorney’s office and the problem has now been resolved. Fund balances ended March 31, 2015 were:

1.General Fund - Savings Account	\$149,458.31
2.General Fund – Checking Account	5,243.96
3.CD (Savings) Account	104,871.41
4.EMS Money Market Account	<u>15,547.73</u>
Total (All Accounts)	\$275,121.41

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Rossetto reported that copies of the March 2015 check register, balance sheet and the standard budget report ending March 31, 2015 were available. The state wide election will be held May 5, 2015. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the township clerk.

Assessor’s Report: Joe Lavender was selected to be the assessor for Bearinger Township at the special meeting held March 23, 2015 with a start date of April 1, 2014. Mr. Lavender has been working with Trevor Most to get all files and equipment transferred in an orderly manner.

Trustee's Report: Kay Dowker gave a report for the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held March 25, 2015. The members reviewed the plans for the new addition. The twenty year old roof on the building needs to be replaced. There was an election of officers with all officers retaining their position.

Archie Patterson gave a report for the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority and the financial report with ending balance as of February 28, 2015 and March 31, 2015. The final transition from Allied EMS to Cheboygan Life Support Services was accomplished April 1, 2015. The ambulances have been remarked as Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Malaski reported that recycling is now county wide and Bearinger Township can use all recycling locations in Presque Isle County.

New Business: **A. PIE&G Liaison meeting.** Tom Stawiarski, PIE&G Liaison for Bearinger Township submitted a detailed report of the annual Liaison Board Meeting held March 25, 2015. He spoke of the electric and natural gas rates, current events and projects for 2014 – 2015. PIE&G is requesting community assistance to compile a list of emergency shelters for area residents to use in case of power failures. Clerk Rossetto will contact PIE&G and let them know that the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Station is a certified American Red Cross disaster shelter.

B. Historical Marker: Mark Thompson, Curator of the Presque Isle County Historical Museum is seeking a grant to obtain historical plaques for each township and is requesting that townships support this efforts. A poster of the plaque with the history of Bearinger Township was on display. Motion was made by Archie Patterson that, at no cost to the township, we support the application for this grant, motion supported by Keitha Malaski. Five yes votes, motion carried.

C. Road Gravel: Supervisor Malaski presented a bid from the Presque Isle County Road Commission to provide four (4) inches of crushed gravel and labor to repair .070 of a mile on Bluffs Highway from County Road 489 to Red Pine Road for the sum of \$10,000.00. Trustee Dowker stated that logging trucks have damaged this road and that they are still using this road to haul timber. John Malaski made a motion to accept the contract for this project, Keitha Malaski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kay Dowker – no, Keitha Malaski – yes, Archie Patterson – no, Beverly Rossetto – no and John Malaski – yes. Two yes votes, three no votes, motion failed.

D. Treasurer: Keitha Malaski read a letter informing the board of her intention to resign her position as Treasurer of Bearinger Township with a final employment date of May 31, 2015. With regret Archie Patterson made a motion to accept the treasurer's resignation, Kay Dowker seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Archie Paterson made a motion to place an ad in the newspaper seeking a qualified person, full time resident and registered voter of Bearinger Township to fill the term of treasurer. John Malaski seconded the motion. Five yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Byron DeLong talked about the Presque Isle County Planning Commission and stated that by the end of 2015 there will be vacancies. He encourages the board to let residents know of the openings to get someone to step up to represent Bearinger Township.

Nancy Shutes quoted information regarding the Freedom of Information Act, stating that only ten cents per page could be charged. Clerk Rossetto informed her that the FOIA has been restructured and must be implemented by July 1, 2015.

Gwinn Sutton asked about how the new sales taxes would coming down to the township level for road repairs. Irv Dedow stated that the fleet of the road commission was eighteen years old. John Malaski explained that the new sales tax and gas pump tax would be divided to cover many things, schools roads, DNR, public safety, etc.

Bob Hartmann asked Tom Stawiarski about PIE&G's, rates for electric heat and air conditioners. Tom briefly explained some of the different rates.

Keitha Malaski asked if any of the board members have anything they want to put into the summer newsletter to let her know.

Jim McKindles thanked Treasurer Malaski for her service to our community.

Being no further comments, Keitha Malaski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kay Dowker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Beverly Rossetto

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,
Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk