

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
September 13, 2016 Minutes

Supervisor Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present for the meeting were Board Members Supervisor Archie J. Patterson II, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski, Trustees Kay Dowker and Duane Walker. Others in attendance were Doug Phelps, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles, Ray Stemple and Patricia Frost.

Approval of Agenda: Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda, Kay Dowker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Kay Dowker to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills, motion supported by Duane Walker. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting, Kay Dowker made a motion to approve the minutes, Emilie Stawiarski supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Kay Dowker to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 23, 2016, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave a summary of the August 2016 financial report. Fund balances ending August 31, 2016 were:

1. General Fund Savings Account	\$168,679.13
2. General Fund Checking Account	3,289.31
3. CD (Savings) Account	106,239.25
4. Township Building Fund	<u>10,002.35</u>
5. Total (All Accounts)	\$288,210.04

Treasurer Stawiarski reported that 89.6% of summer taxes have been paid, a total of 1597 parcels have been processed. As of today unpaid taxes are 10.3%, this is 370 parcels out of 1967. Treasurer Stawiarski will start working on the Winter Newsletter and requested that if anyone has anything they wanted included in the letter to get the information to her by the end of September.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that copies of the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 9, 2016, the special board meeting of August 23, 2016 and the August check register, balance sheet and Standard Budget ending August 31, 2016 are available. The deadline to register to vote in the November 8, 2016 Election is October 11, 2016. The Michigan courts have approved the straight ticket party vote ballot for this election. If anyone requires an absentee ballot they should contact Clerk Rossetto. The Election Commission meeting will be held October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Trustee's Report: Kay Dowker gave the report of the Onaway Area Ambulance meeting held, August 24, 2016. The driveway needs to be extended to the road but curbing has to be put in because the city requires curbing within city limits. The new building addition looks very good and will be completed by September 30, 2016.

Trustee Walker had no report.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave the Assessor's report. The new computer is up and running. Systems are installed and working very well. A township request form for a lot split is being worked on and will be ready for board decision by November. Assessor Zabik is attending class to upgrade her certificate to MAAO level.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave the report of the August 11, 2016 RCAASA meeting. The Authority's new heavy duty Diesel GMC ambulance is now in service. One of the older ambulances had the diesel engine go out and it has been repaired, another ambulance had an electric problem and has been repaired. While the ambulances were out of service Cheboygan Life Support Systems sent one of their ambulances to Rogers City. Remodeling and roof replacement is currently under way. The RCAASA general funds have been moved to Chemical Bank for a better interest rate.

Supervisor Patterson met with a representative of Connect Michigan. Over the next six to ten years communication providers will be offered subsidies to upgrade voice and broadband networks. Frontier has accepted the offer and is in the process of upgrading. Michigan Broadband has until November 2016 to accept the offer.

Correspondence: Clerk Rossetto received correspondence from:

1. Presque Isle County Road Commission about the Road Surface Management Analysis of Bluffs Highway and Silver Beach Drive.
2. Presque Isle County Road Commission will be hosting an Open House for the 100 Year Anniversary of the Road Commission, October 7, 2016, 12:00 to 3:30 pm.
3. Northeast Michigan Council of Governments regarding a 2016/2017 membership, Clerk Rossetto has contacted NEMCOG to inform them that we will not need the membership.
4. Michigan Public Service Commission to approve PIE&G gas cost recovery for the 12 month period ended March 31, 2016.
5. Supervisor Patterson received correspondence from Debra Horner, University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, reporting results of the spring 2016 survey regarding the fiscal health of local governments.

Old Business: Township Hall exterior masonry repair, Supervisor Patterson contacted Winberg Stone Masonry to begin the repairs, the project will be completed before winter.

Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to amend the agenda to add the renewal of the snow removal contract for the 2016/2017 season. Kay Dowker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Clerk Rossetto will contact Ken Hopp to renew the contract.

New Business: No New Business.

Public Comment: Nancy Shutes commented about the motorcycle accident that took the life of our Michigan State House Representative Peter Pettalia. Supervisor Patterson called for a moment of silent to honor Mr. Pettalia.

Being no further comments, Kay Dowker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Emilie Stawiarski. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk