

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
April 11, 2017 Minutes

Supervisor Patterson 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 Archie J. Patterson II, Clerk Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer Emilie Stawiarski and Trustee Duane Walker. Trustee Patricia Frost was absent. Others in attendance were Irv Dedow, James McKindles, Nancy Shutes, Doug Phelps, Dave Cowper and Barb and Jim Knight.

Approval of Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda, Duane Walker supported the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Duane Walker to approve the Consent Agenda and pay the bills for the month of March 2017, Emilie Stawiarski supported the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Minutes of March 14, 2017 meeting. Archie Patterson stated that the March 14, 2017 minutes need to be corrected regarding the resolution to adopt the Township's 2017/2018 Budget. The MCL number MCL 41,812 should be changed to read MCL 141.436. Duane Walker made a motion to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as amended, motion supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave a summary of the March 2017 financial report. Fund balances ending March 31, 2017 were:

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$215,925.44
2.	General Fund Checking Account	2,590.28
3.	CD (Savings) Account	107,321.86
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>10,013.96</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$335,851.54

Treasurer Stawiarski presented a tag report showing income and expenses from April 1st through March 31th for fiscal year 2016/17, the report shows how categorized items compared to previous year: Revenue is up slightly and expenses are down approximately \$10,000.00. Property Tax end of the year settlement has been made and balances with the county. As of today 2% of summer taxes and 7% of winter taxes are unpaid. Foreclosures County wide are down (53 this year compared to 124, 98 and 89 in past years). Bearinger Township has four foreclosures. Treasurer Stawiarski talked about the expense of the new BS&A software that all County Treasurers will be using by April 2018.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the March 14, 2017 minutes, check register, balance sheet and amended Budget ending March 31, 2017 are available. Clerk Rossetto reported the following final budget amendments, all within said category: Clerk's category, moved \$17.59 from misc. to office supplies. Board of Review category, moved from misc. \$55.00 to training and \$12.50 to wages. Treasurer's category, moved \$33.81 from mileage to postage. Building & Grounds category moved \$39.19 from misc. to telephone. U of M / MTA Michigan Public Policy survey has been completed. Clerk Rossetto attended a presentation by Election Software & Supplies of the new State of Michigan election equipment and is very impressed with the equipment, she will attend another presentation of the equipment by Dominion (GBS) later this month.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker reported that he had attended a Road Commission meeting for newly elected township officers. Two of the roads in Bearinger Township in need of repair are County Road 489 and Town Hall Highway (no date has been set for the repairs of these roads). Trustee Walker gave a report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held March 22, 2017, Rogers City keeps track of ambulance runs by Townships County wide, Rogers City did about 1,300 runs in 2015 and Onaway did about 600. OAAS in investigating the purchase of power cots for the ambulance, to cover the cost, Cheboygan is applying for a grant and has hired a grand writer to complete the grant application, as of yet the grant is not final. Review of the deposit log, General Ledger and check Register all balance. Trustee Walker also attended the Presque Isle County Officers Association meeting in Posen, April 4, 2017.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave Assessor Elizabeth Zabik's report. March Board of Review meetings were held as scheduled and a total of seven appeals were heard and discussed. The assessment roll was turned over to Presque Isle County Equalization along with all reports required following the BOR meeting. Field work will begin in May and she will be working with Equalization and the mapping company to compile updated sales maps. As of March 28, 2017 she became certified as a Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (MAAO). Her certificate is on file with the Township Clerk.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson reported that he completed and submitted the online survey for U of M / MTA Michigan Public Policy Survey. He attended the Presque Isle County Township Officers Association meeting and has copies of a handout explaining the new State and County rules regarding medical marijuana.

Correspondence: Supervisor Patterson received correspondences from: 1. Property owner Patti Whitsell requesting permission to add a removable dock to a public access on Black Lake.
2. The Supervisor completed and submitted the US Census Contact Information Form.
3. He responded to the OpenTheBooks.com FOIA e-mail, Clerk Rossetto read her response to the same e-mail.
4. Treasurer Stawiarski read correspondence she received from State Representative Sue Allor stating that she will maintain an open line of communication and her office is always available to the people of Northern Michigan.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

Public Comment: Jim McKindles commented that it was a great meeting.

Being no further comments, Duane Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Four aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk