

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway  
Millersburg, Michigan  
August 8, 2017 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 Patricia Frost and Duane Walker. Others in attendance were James McKindles, Nancy Shutes, Irv Dedow and Elizabeth Zabik.

**Approval of Agenda:** Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Patterson asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting and the bills for July 2017. Being no correction to the minutes the Supervisor declared the minutes will stand as written. Motion was made by Emilie Stawiarski to pay the July 2017 bills, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried.

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

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$149,624.58
2.	General Fund Checking Account	1,141.77
3.	CD (Savings) Account	133,060.22
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>20,027.18</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$303,853.75

As of August 7, 2017, 734 summer tax bills have been paid (38.4% of total bills). A tag report was presented showing income and expenses from April 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31, 2017 for fiscal year 2017/18. The tax account process has been established and the Clerk and Treasurer's data balances for the month of July.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Rossetto stated that the July 11, 2017 minutes, check register and balance sheet ending July 31, 2017 are available. Clerk Rossetto reported that the new election equipment has been ordered and should arrive by the end of the year.

**Trustee's Report:** Trustee Walker attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting July 26, 2017. The ambulance service is still looking for used monitors. A FEMA grant for Power Cots is being completed. A regular annual audit has been started by Johnson & Schulze PC. The subscription forms for next year will be mailed the same time as Cheboygan subscriptions. There was a discussion about the cost of the next new ambulance. There was discussion regarding insurance coverage of the vehicles and structures.

**Assessor's Report:** To date, 113 parcels have been visited for site inspection, sketches and pictures of buildings not previously listed were found on eight (8) parcels. The Assessor will continue field visits to complete the recommended 20% visits per year. Assessor Zabik stated that one lot split has been approved, the property owner filed the proper application and met all requirements for the lot split on Tanager Lane. Patricia Frost made a motion to approve the lot split as described, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report:** The Supervisor gave the Medical Response report that was presented at the last Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Department board meeting.

The old septic system drums were removed on July 27 & 28, 2017. The crawl space is drying out now that the drums have been removed.

The RCAASA will hire a grant writer to submit grants to obtain lift carts for the ambulance. The Authority is going to get a contract to expand the building to accommodate longer ambulances and to house additional crews. The annual financial audit is in progress.

The stone mason will start the exterior repairs on the Township Hall mid-August.

**Correspondence:** 1. Bluffs Highway letter from Joseph Stanford, the PI Road Commissioner has sent a reply to Mr. Stanford regarding this matter. Patricia Frost called the Road Commissioner regarding the same matter.

2. Clerk Rossetto has responded to Frontier Communications request for a State Sales Tax Form 3372. Clerk Rossetto received correspondence from Brighthouse Financial regarding IRS Form 5500 and has contacted Lappan Agency for information.

3. Treasurer Stawiarski received correspondence from US District Court for the Southern District of New York regarding a class action lawsuit but feels this suit does not apply to Bearinger Township.

**Old Business:** Medical Marihuana Resolution, Trustee Duane Walker gave a brief description of the Resolution regarding the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and stated that there would be a public meeting, August 21, 2017, in East Lansing. Treasurer Stawiarski read and offered the following preamble and resolution, Duane Walker supported the resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Michigan Compiled Laws §333.27101, et seq. (2016) to license and regulate certain commercial entities identified to the Act as growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters, and safety compliance facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act provides that a marihuana facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that authorizes that type of facility; and

WHEREAS, being duly informed and advised, the Bearinger Township Board has decided it shall NOT adopt an ordinance to authorize the location of any medical marihuana facilities within Bearinger Township as provided by the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Township of Bearinger hereby makes a record of its decision to NOT adopt an ordinance to authorize within the Township of Bearinger the location of any medical marihuana facilities as identified in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Michigan Compiled Laws §333.27101, et seq. (2016).

Voting Aye for Resolution 2017 #03 were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Duane Walker, Beverly Rossetto and Archie J. Patterson II. No Nay votes

Clerk Beverly Rossetto certified a true and complete copy of the resolution was adopted by the Board of the Township of Bearinger on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

**New Business:** Supervisor Patterson stated that top soil was needed to fill in where the old septic tanks were removed.

Supervisor Patterson requested that he and Treasurer Stawiarski attend a workshop offered in October 2017 for the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) for the 2020 Census. The Board opted to wait on this request until further information is received. A general consensus was given to tentatively approve the workshop if it is within a reasonable distance of Bearinger Township and registration must take place before the next township board meeting.

**Public Comment:** James McKindles inquired about the LUCA 2020 Census and questioned why we are going to give out residential information. Supervisor Patterson stated we would only be verifying the addresses of permanent residents with no names or other pertinent information divulged.

Being no further comments, Clerk Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk