

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway                      Millersburg, Michigan  
July 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 Trustees Duane Walker and Patricia Frost. Others in attendance were Irv Dedow, Ray Stemple, Byron DeLong, Joe Hartigan, Doug Phelps, Nancy Schutes and James McKindles.

**Approval of Agenda:** Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the agenda, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five 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 June 2017, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

**Minutes of June 13, 2017 Meeting:** Supervisor Patterson asked the Board Members if they had reviewed the June 13, 2017 minutes and if there were any corrections. Being no corrections, motion was made by Emilie Stawiarski to approve the minutes as written, motion supported by Duane Walker. Five yes votes, motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Stawiarski gave an activity report of the June 2017 financial report. Fund balances ending June 30, 2017 were:

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$148,985.91
2.	General Fund Checking Account	2,762.94
3.	CD (Savings) Account	132,869.12
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>20,023.78</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$304,641.75

Treasurer Stawiarski reported that the Summer Property Tax bills have been mailed (10.9% has been paid as of today). She presented a tag report showing income and expenses from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30, 2017 for fiscal year 2017/18. The schedule for this fiscal year has been received from Presque Isle County Treasurer, Bridget LaLonde. A Township Hall rental deposit was returned to Kathy Wilson.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Rossetto stated that the June 13, 2017 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending June 30, 2017 are available. A notice will be published July 13th in the PI Advance Newspaper for the Board of Review meeting July 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

**Trustee's Report:** Trustee Walker gave a report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held June 28, 2017. The monitor manufacturer now has replacement parts, but only for original equipment. It was suggested that Mr. Hyde start looking for a used replacement that has a telemetry module. A run report for the month was given and the monthly expenses were approved. Duane reported that he had attended the PI Township Officers quarterly meeting.

**Assessor's Report:** Supervisor Patterson gave Assessor Zabik's report. July Board of Review scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm for mutual mistakes of fact/clerical errors, to review PRE, and Disabled Veteran Exemptions. The Assessor has been working on a request to split/combine parcels. She is working on vacant land sales within the township, as well as seeking vacant land sales from neighboring townships to develop and verify land values for the coming year.

**Supervisor's Report:** No Report.

**Correspondence:** A. Supervisor Patterson read correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the mapping of state forest roads for ORV use.

B. Clerk Rossetto received the 2017/2018 MTA membership sticker.

C. Clerk Rossetto reported that a dividend distribution of \$95.92 has been received from the Michigan Township Participating Plan.

D. Correspondence from Michigan Public Service Commission regarding a public hearing for PIE&G to review the twelve month period ended December 31, 2016 for its Regulated Gas Division.

G. Treasurer Stawiarski received a statement from Municipal Derivatives regarding a class action suit. No Action will be taken.

H. Treasurer Stawiarski received the tax collection agreement from Cheboygan School District.

I. Cheboygan Public Schools and Onaway Consolidated School District's CPA has requested Township's Tax information regarding IFT/CRT, Brownfield, PIL.T. Treasurer Stawiarski is waiting for information from the Count Treasurer regarding this request.

J. Presque Isle County 2017 Tax Rate Request, Treasurer Stawiarski received a copy of the Tax Rate request from County Clerk, Ann Marie Main that had been signed and returned to the State of Michigan.

Duane Walker made a motion to delete the correspondence E, F & K listed on the agenda because it was addressed at our previous meeting and amend the current agenda. Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

**Old Business:** **BS&A Software** – Treasurer Stawiarski stated that we must present a proposal to purchase BS&A Software by 2018, cost for the Software will be \$3,465.00, Training and travel \$215.00 for a total of \$3,680.00. With an annual maintenance fee of \$690.00. We may have to amend the budget if the purchase is required before March 31, 2018. Motion made by Archie Patterson to reconfirm our commitment to BS&A at these prices, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

**New Business:** – **Medical Marijuana Ordinance:** Treasurer Stawiarski stated that the Presque Isle Planning Commission had a speaker that talked about Medical Marijuana growing,

distributing and transporting. Two resolutions (one in favor for Medical Marijuana farming and one against) were presented to the board for review as a decision must be made by the Township Board within the next several months. Duane Walker urged the board members to read the article about Medical Marijuana farming in the February 2017 issue of MTA magazine. This subject was tabled to our next meeting.

**B. Presque Isle County Township Officers Association Update:** Treasurer Stawiarski reported the following information: Presque Isle County has 53 parcels of foreclosed properties that will be auctioned on August 8, 2017 in Alpena (four parcels are in Bearinger Township).

Speed limit on US Highway 23, M68 and M65 will go to 65 MPH in November when the signs go up.

Sue Allor (guest speaker) talked about the State of Michigan budget and the dollar amounts granted to various areas

Prosecuting Attorney Ken Radzibon will speak about Medical Marijuana farming at the next PI Township Officers Association meeting, to be held in Bearinger Township, October 3, 2017.

**C. HBCA Donation to the Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Dept.:** Treasurer Stawiarski announced that the Fireman's Boot collected \$304.00 and was donated directly to the Fire Department.

**Public Comment:** Nancy Shutes thanked Supervisor Patterson for all the repair work he did at the township hall.

Irv Dedow commented about Off Road Vehicles on the trails and roadways.

Joe Hartigan asked if the township was going to do anything about the condition of Bluffs Highway. Supervisor Patterson stated that the township formed a committee of Bluffs Hwy. property owners a few years ago to attempt to get 51% of the property owners to agree to a special assessment to repair the road. Irv Dedow talked about the committee of property owners that had worked on getting the road tested and getting a special assessment for the road repair. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Hartigan was advised to contact the Road Commission for further information.

Being no further comments, Emilie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Duane Walker. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk