

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
June 13, 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, Doug Phelps, Nancy Schutes and James McKindles.

Approval of Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda, Duane Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Patricia Frost supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried.

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

Minutes of May 9, 2017 Meeting: Supervisor Patterson asked the Board Members if they had reviewed the May 9, 2017 minutes and if there were any corrections. Being no correction Supervisor Patterson declared the minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stawiarski gave an activity report of the May 2017 financial report. Fund balances ending May 31, 2017 were:

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$157,618.49
2.	General Fund Checking Account	1,157.26
3.	CD (Savings) Account	132,671.93
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>20,020.49</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$311,468.17

Treasurer Stawiarski presented a tag report showing income and expenses from April 1st through May 31, 2017 for fiscal year 2017/18. As a follow-up regarding bank account security, Treasurer Stawiarski visited both Huron and Chemical Banks and explained each banks security systems. With the hard drive backup on her computer and the banks security system we are well covered.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the May 9, 2017 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending May 31, 2017 are available. Also available are copies of the Presque Isle County's current Directory. Clerk Rossetto attended an Election Equipment meeting in Rogers City, June 8, 2017, a final decision will be made regarding the purchase of the equipment by July 15, 2017. A notice of the July 18, 2017 Board of Review meeting will be published in the PI Advance Newspaper.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held May 24, 2017. The Cardiac Monitors Company has received permission to distribute replacement parts. The company must recertify their new location. The Ambulance Service still has the cardiac monitor demo unit and upon the recertification of the company the cellular module will be ordered. The 800MHz radios should arrive by the third quarter of 2017. There will be a lot of work to do with the new coding of the pagers.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave Assessor Zabik's report. The data has been exported to PI Equalization for the processing of summer taxes. Information regarding a Disabled Veteran Exemption application will be brought to the July 18, 2017 Board of Review meeting.

Supervisor's Report: No Report.

Correspondence: A. Clerk Rossetto received notice of the Presque Isle County Officers Association meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017 in Allis Township Hall. After the annual potluck meal the guest speaker will be State Representative Sue Allor.

B. Correspondence from State of Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding Building Codes. Treasurer Stawiarski requested a copy of the correspondence.

C. Aurora Gas Co. letter regarding gas rate and the safety of the MISS DIG system and call 811 to promote system wide safety.

D. Treasurer Stawiarski received correspondence from the State of Michigan offering resources.

E. Supervisor Patterson read the MTA's Principles of Governance correspondence and stated that most of it was required by law and that he could see no reason to sign the document. Clerk Rossetto stated that she thought the Board Members should sign the document to re-affirm our commitment to the citizens of Bearinger Township. Treasurer Stawiarski stated she was reluctant about signing the document. Trustee Walker thinks the document has redundant statements and he made a motion to not acknowledge the form. Emilie Stawiarski seconded the motion. Three aye votes, two no votes, motion carried.

E. Great Lakes Environmental Infrastructure. Supervisor Patterson offered a flyer application to anyone that would like to attend, at their own expense, the Infrastructure Finance Basics Workshop is in Mt. Pleasant, MI on July 26, 2017.

F. MTA Political Action Committee request for a donation. Bearinger Township does not make donations.

G. Trustee Walker received information regarding a documentary about Wireless and Smart Electric Meters & Sensitivity July 21, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Indian River Library.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: A. Treasurer Stawiarski explained that the newsletter printing cost was \$139.50.

\$175.00 had been approved but she had fewer copies printed this year, if more are needed she will run the copies on her printer.

B. Tax bills postage, \$350.00 had been approved for the purchase of stamps. Because of surplus stamps from the Assessment mailing only \$278.00 is needed for the mailing of the summer 2017 tax bills.

C. Michigan Township Association Membership Fee. Motion was made by Clerk Rossetto to submit the sum of \$796.49 for the membership fee, Patricia Frost seconded the motion. Roll

call vote: Voting yes were, Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Beverly Rossetto, Duane Walker and Archie Patterson. Motion carried.

D. Presque Isle County Treasurer's First Right of Refusal: After a brief discussion of the following four parcels of land: 012 016 000 012 00, 021 008 000 001 29, 021 091 000 110 00 and 021 140 000 474 00, motion was made by Duane Walker to not purchase these properties, Beverly Rossetto supported the motion. Voting yes were Patricia Frost, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

E. Cheboygan Tax Agreement. Treasurer Stawiarski explained that there are three parcels in Bearinger Township that are in the Cheboygan School District. The maintenance fee charged to Cheboygan Scholl District is \$2.50 each parcel. Patricia Frost made a motion that the agreement remain at \$2.50 per parcel, Duane Walker supported the motion. Five ayes votes, motion carried.

Clerk Rossetto explained that a Bearinger Township Property Tax Fund will be set up using the Michigan Chart of Accounts to record property taxes as a check and balance system.

Public Comment: Nancy Shutes urged everyone to attend the meeting addressing the electric Wireless/Smart meters. James McKindles expressed his concerns of the health hazards of these meters.

Being no further comments, Beverly Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk