

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17034 Town Hall Highway  
Millersburg, Michigan  
March 14, 2017 Minutes  
**CORRECTED**

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 & Ruby Flewelling, Dave and Maxine DeLauder, Pam Schaedig, Dolores Merchant, Irv Dedow, Larry Fields, Steve Lang, Dave Cowper, Bud DeLong, Doug Phelps, Nancy Shutes, James McKindles and the Representative from Frontier Communication Dave Vance.

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

**Guest Speaker:** Supervisor Patterson introduced Dave Vance, Frontier Communication Representative. Mr. Vance talked about the status of Frontiers Connect American project. He stated that this project was paid for by a grant from the Federal Government using the taxes that each person pays on their telephone bills. The cable has been installed from Alpena to Rogers City along US Highway 23. He had maps showing where the cables were in these areas and the areas in Posen and Onaway. Mr. Vance answered several questions from the audience. The Frontier Connect America project will be available within six years to most of Bearinger Township. Supervisor Patterson thanked Mr. Vance for attending this meeting and providing us with the latest update on Connect America.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Patterson asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting and the bills for February 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 February 2017 bills, motion supported by Patricia Frost. Five aye votes, motion carried.

Supervisor Patterson recessed the regular board meeting at 6:50 pm and opened the Public Hearing for the 2017/2018 Budget meeting. Supervisor Patterson gave a brief description of the budget and asked for comments from the public. Being no comments from the public Clerk Rossetto read the Resolution to Adopt the Budget:

Resolution 2017 – 02: Whereas, the Bearinger Township Board has determined a Budget for the fiscal year, 2017 – 2018 and Whereas, according to **MCL 41,812 141.436**, it is the responsibility of the Township Board to review and adopt the proposed budget before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2017, Whereas, the Bearinger Township Board has determined this Budget at a Public Hearing on March 14, 2017, Be it resolved, that beginning on April 1, 2017, this determined budget will be implemented. The foregoing Resolution offered by Bearinger Township Board Member Archie Jay Patterson II and supported by Bearinger Township Board Member Patricia M. Frost. Following is a roll call vote: Patricia Frost - aye, Emilie Stawiarski – aye, Archie J. Patterson II – aye, Duane L. Walker – aye and Beverly Rossetto - aye. No nay votes. On this date, March 14, 2017, the Supervisor declares the Resolution adopted.

Motion was made by Patricia Frost to adjourn the Public Hearing, motion was supported by Duane Walker. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 pm and the regular meeting was resumed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Stawiarski gave a summary of the February 2017 financial report. Fund balances ending February 28, 2017 were:

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$145,480.92
2.	General Fund Checking Account	6,429.30
3.	CD (Savings) Account	107,177.98
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>10,012.26</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$269,100.46

As of February 28, 2017 the tax bills have been turned over to the county. 2.1% of summer property taxes are uncollected and 7% of winter property taxes are uncollected. After settlement with the county, a little over \$70,000.00 will be deposited in the general fund. Emilie reported that the interest at Huron National Bank is compounded daily and deposited monthly. Interest at Chemical Bank is compounded on a monthly average.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Rossetto stated that the February 14, 2017 minutes, check register and balance sheet ending February 28, 2017 are available. Clerk Rossetto reported that she will be attending two meetings in April to view the new election equipment. The demonstration of the equipment will be presented by two of the three companies that the State of Michigan has chosen to replace the old equipment.

**Trustee's Report:** Trustee Walker attended the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting February 22, 2017. The Onaway Area Ambulance Service 2017/2018 budget was approved. The Financial Reports, General Ledger and Check Register were reviewed and a total of \$6,885.00 bills were paid. It was reported that since the closing of the Cheboygan Hospital there has been an increase in the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> runs to Petoskey leaving the ambulance service with no available staff. This problem needs to be looked into before the busiest months of June, July, August and September.

**Assessor's Report:** No report. Supervisor Patterson stated the Board of Review meeting will be held tomorrow March 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-9 pm.

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

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Patterson read the PIE&G letter dated February 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the increase in the distribution rates.

Clerk Rossetto presented the information about the Presque Isle Township Officers Association meeting on April 4, 2017 at the Posen Community Center.

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:** No Old Business

**Public Comment:** Mr. Flewelling talked about the bad condition of the road he lives on, which is White Pine Highway, between County Road 489 and Red Pine, he wants to know if the county is going to fix it. Emilie Stawiarski will be meeting with the Road Commission on Tuesday and will get back with Mr. Flewelling with an answer. Duane explained that the Federal Road Funds for our county are shared with nine other counties east of I-75.

Doug Phelps commented on the Fire Departments purchase of radios.

Irv Dedow asked about the Building Fund and what budget category the money would come from. Treasurer Stawiarski explained that \$10,000.00 from the General Funds would be deposited into the Building Fund which is a separate account at Chemical Bank.

Being no further comments, Clerk Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Patterson supported the motion. Five aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk