

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
May 9, 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 Assessor Elizabeth Zabik, Irv Dedow, James & Barbara Knight, Doug Phelps, and Kay Dowker.

Approval of Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda. Duane Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Emilie Stawiarski 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 April 2017, Emilie Stawiarski supported the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

Minutes of April 11, 2017 meeting. Duane Walker stated that MCL 41,812 should read **MCL 41.812**. Duane Walker made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as amended, motion supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Four aye votes, motion carried.

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

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$178,957.47
2.	General Fund Checking Account	923.45
3.	CD (Savings) Account	132,481.37
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>20,017.09</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$332,378.38

Treasurer Stawiarski presented a tag report showing income and expenses from April 1st through April 30, 2017 for fiscal year 2017/18. A Certificate of deposit has been opened for the sum of \$25,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.75% and maturity date of April 2022. Changes were made to all bank accounts removing the name of Archie Patterson and Katherine Dowker. Property Transfer affidavit have been forwarded to Assessor Zabik and Presque Isle County Equalization. Treasurer Stawiarski requested that if anyone has articles or ideas for the summer newsletter to submit them to her before May 20th.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the April 11, 2017 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending April 30, 2017 are available. The Alpena Newspaper is featuring an article honoring the Fire Departments in northeast Michigan on May 10, 2017. Bearinger Township is scheduled to host the quarterly meeting of the Presque Isle County Officer Association, October 2, 2017.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held April 26, 2017. The Ambulance Service is seeking a grant to purchase powers cots. Cardiac Monitor update: the company cannot manufacture or repair any equipment until they meet new FDA requirements. Motion was made and carried that the Subscription notices will be mailed in May of each year.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Zabik reported that the data base has been rolled over to the Presque Isle County Equalization Department. She will be working in the field in Bearinger Township two or three days now that she has completed her training. She thanked the board for her salary increase and announced that she has been appointed the new Director of Cheboygan County Equalization Department.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave a report of the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority meeting held April 14, 2017. The Authority has set aside \$75,000.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance in two years and \$35,000.00 for building maintenance. Run report for the months of February and March was given with a year-to-date comparison with last year. The Board appointed a committee to liaison with an architect to design the hall expansion. The board voted to not have a voting seat on the Cheboygan Life Support Services Board of Directors to avoid a conflict of interest as recommended by the Authority's attorney.

Correspondence: Supervisor Patterson offered some applications for the 2017 Cheboygan Plus Membership Plan and the 2017 Onaway Ambulance EMS Plus Plan.

Clerk Rossetto received information from Up North Prevention regarding a meeting in Alpena, May 31, 2017 concerning Medical Marijuana regulations and how it will impact your community.

Notification from the Michigan Public Service Commission of a Public Hearing in Lansing, June 15, 2017 to review twelve-month period ended December 31, 2016 rates for its Regulated Gas Division.

Correspondence from the City of Onaway requesting a contribution for the July 4th fireworks show. Bearinger Township does not use tax funds for donations.

Correspondence from the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding video/cable television complaints, if a customer's dispute is not resolved with their provider they can file a complaint with the MPSC.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: Pest treatment of the Township Hall. Supervisor Patterson submitted a bid from Pest Control By Browning, LLC. A yearly program total cost of \$260.00, includes one application now and another application in the fall. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the yearly program. Motion supported by Duane Walker. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Township Hall crawl space. Supervisor Patterson presented pictures of the crawl space showing the old drums and standing water in the area. He described the area and the process needed for the repair. One bid has been received for the repairs, action will be postponed until other bids are received. Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve up to \$4,500.00 for the repairs. Duane Walker supported the motion. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Clerk Rossetto presented information about the renewal of the two year Kaspersky Internet Security for the Treasurer's and Clerk's computers and request approval of the cost of \$105.99. Roll call vote: Voting yes were Emilie Stawiarski, Duane Walker, Beverly Rossetto and Archie Patterson. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Irv Dedow stated that he had attended the meeting of the Black Lake Association. It was a very heated discussion about the water level on Black Lake and the various dams around the lake. Mr. Dedow advised the board that some of the Black Lake property owners may contact Bearinger Township regarding this matter.

Being no further comments, Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Beverly Rossetto. Four aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk