

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
17034 Town Hall Highway Millersburg, Michigan
January 9, 2018 Minutes

Supervisor Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, Trustee Patricia Frost was absent. Others in attendance were James McKindles, Sheryl Diamond and June & Roger Herpst.

Approval of Agenda: Emilie Stawiarski made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Duane Walker 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 December 2017, Emilie Stawiarski supported the motion. Four aye votes, motion carried.

December 9, 2017 Minutes: Supervisor Patterson inquired if everyone had reviewed the minutes, and being no corrections Supervisor Patterson declared the minutes approved as written.

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

1.	General Fund Savings Account	\$103,404.11
2.	General Fund Checking Account	2,038.82
3.	CD (Savings) Account	134,039.15
4.	Township Building Fund	<u>20,043.96</u>
5.	Total (All Accounts)	\$259,526.04

A tag report was presented showing income and expense from April 1st through December 31st for fiscal year 2017/2018. Treasurer Stawiarski reported that 61% of the 2017 winter taxes have been paid, 98.6% of the 2017 summer taxes have been paid.

Treasurer Stawiarski gave a brief report on the following: Fire Department meeting: there were four fire runs and nine medical runs in November and December. Two AED batteries and a soft stretcher, and a suction unit have been purchased.

Presque Isle County Township Officers Association meeting guest speaker was Brittany Vanderwall, County Forester. A brief summary of the PIC Clerk, Treasurer and the Prosecuting Attorney's reports were given.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Rossetto stated that the December 9, 2017 minutes, the financial statement, balance sheet, check register and standard budget ending December 31, 2017 are available. The clip & save ad for Bearinger Township 2018 meeting dates appeared in the Presque Isle County Newspaper January 4, 2018.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Walker gave a report of the Onaway Area Ambulance Service meeting held December 27, 2017. The new office desk construction began with a down payment of \$750.00. December has been a slow month with a total of 34 runs. OAAS entity 2018/2019 budget will be presented to Bearinger Township in February 2018.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Patterson gave the Assessor's report: 2018 Personal Property Tax statements have been mailed. Work continues on finalizing numbers, including new construction values for 2018 assessment notices that will be printed and mailed mid-February.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Patterson reported that Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority had 70 ambulance runs in October and 100 runs in November. The next RCAA meeting will be held February 14, 2018. The Township Hall's flood light bulbs have arrived and will be replaced when weather permits, until then the porch light should be left on to illuminate the flag.

Correspondence: Supervisor Patterson received correspondence from: Amazon regarding future shipping cost. A survey has been completed from the US Census Bureau. Notice from DEQ regarding a request for a Black Lake wetland fill permit. Clerk Rossetto stated that she received a notice this morning that the DEQ had approve the permit.

Clerk Rossetto received correspondence from Up North Prevention regarding "April 2018 Is Social Host Responsibility Month." No action taken by Bearinger Township Board.

Treasurer Stawiarski received a holiday card from Chemical Bank and from Presque Isle County Treasurer information and documents regarding Swampland Tax. Treasurer Stawiarski gave a brief explanation of Swampland Tax (PILT tax).

Trustee Walker received information regarding Hi-Speed Internet for the Black Lake area from Frontier Communication.

New Business: Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department 2018/2019 proposed budget was given to each board member for review. Review and approval of the budget will be at the Tri-Board meeting, March 1, 2018.

Board of Review Training. Motion was made by Duane Walker to provide training for two Board of Review members, one Basic Training Class and One Advance Class, motion was supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Roll call vote: voting yes were Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson, Duane Walker and Beverly Rossetto. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Bearinger Township's website: Renewal of Website and Domain fee. Motion made by Duane Walker to approve payment of renewal fee, supported by Emilie Stawiarski. Roll call vote: voting yes were Duane Walker, Emilie Stawiarski, Archie Patterson and Beverly Rossetto. Four yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Emilie Stawiarski commented that the Ocqueoc Township board has one of their trustees, Jeff Foster, attend the Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department training meetings and she wanted consensus on whether the Bearinger Township Board should also have a representative attend these meetings. Consensus was no board member should attend training meetings.

Jim McKindles had questions regarding the State of Michigan Hardship Hearings scheduled for February 5, 2018, Treasurer Stawiarski explained the criteria.

Being no further comments, Beverly Rossetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion supported by Duane Walker. Four aye votes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Next regular Township Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:00pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

Beverly Rossetto, Township Clerk

After the meeting adjourned, June and Roger Herpst had some question regarding their property taxes and homestead exemption. Treasurer Stawiarski was very helpful with answers and advised them to go to the Presque Isle County Equalization Department for further help.