

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 12, 2008**

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard VanSyckle, Treasurer Jennifer McKeever, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee James Rhodes, Trustee David Soya.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ron Miller asked why assessor McKelvey changed property zoning from residential to agricultural. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the Board of Review could change the zoning. Ron Miller presented the board with an article on well and septic systems. Gene Willison reported that the Board of Review members attended BOR training in Grand Rapids today.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT** – Due February 2008 - assessor absent. Mr. McKelvey refused to be present due to being chastised and belittled by the public, according to Supervisor VanSyckle. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that Mr. McKelvey is scheduled to meet with the State Assessing Board on February 22, 2008, regarding his assessing certification.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT** – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented a report from the commissioners’ meeting and community events.

**ASSESSOR DISCUSSION** – Moved by Soya, supported by McKeever to move into closed session to discuss assessor McKelvey. As per Mr. McKelvey’s request, any discussion regarding the assessor is held in closed session. The board went into **CLOSED** session at 8:00 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION – 8:20 p.m.**

Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the board will address the assessor’s continued employment after Mr. McKelvey’s meeting with the State Assessing Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**INTERNAL FUND POLICY (HALL RENTAL)** – Treasurer McKeever reported that the policy draft is still with the auditors for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PAINT BIDS** – 3 paint bids opened: Williams Paint Contractors - \$1975.00; Hamp Painting - \$1200.00; Brush Works - \$880.00. Moved by McKeever, supported by VanSyckle to approve Brush Works for painting after March 31, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP** – the board will meet on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2008-09 township budget.

**POVERTY GUIDELINES** – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Soya to continue with guidelines as per the state figures. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AMEND ASSESSOR’S BUDGET** – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to move \$9,500.00 from the general fund to the assessor’s line item. All ayes. Motion carried.

**DOWLING GENERAL STORE** – Clerk Ypma reported receiving a letter from the state regarding a request by the Campbells for a SDM liquor license.

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**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction the January 8, 2008 minutes were approved. Moved by Rhodes, supported by McKeever. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

**PAY BILLS:** Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 8082 - 8105. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date