

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2008

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments regarding the assessor being absent from meetings.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – Absent January/February/March 2008.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented his report.

BUDGET HEARING/ADOPTION- No public comment. Moved by Ypma, supported by McKeever to approve the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget as presented. Roll call vote:
VanSyckle – Yes McKeever- Yes Rhodes – Yes Soya – Yes
Ypma – Yes Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HALL RENTAL POLICY – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Soya to adopt the hall rental policy as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR UPDATE: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that Mr. McKelvey met with the State Tax Commission in February for an informal hearing and has been requested to appear for a formal hearing in March. Moved by Soya, supported by Ypma to table the assessor discussion/decision until the April 8, regular board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

UNION CEMETERY AUDIT – Clerk Ypma requested that Union Cemetery be included with the township’s upcoming audit. Union Cemetery records have never been audited. Walker, Fluke, & Sheldon, who perform the audit, reported no extra charge to the township for including Union Cemetery records. Clerk Ypma has contacted each township regarding the audit. Other townships who share Union Cemetery include: Assyria, Johnstown, and Maple Grove. Moved by Ypma, supported by McKeever to include Union Cemetery in with the Baltimore Township audit. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD TOURS – Clerk Ypma will contact the Barry County Road Commission to schedule spring tours in April.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the February 12, 2008 minutes were approved. Motion made by Soya, supported by VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

CLERK’S REPORT: Candidates who seek a township office must file an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and nominating petitions no later than 4:00 p.m., May 13, 2008. Candidates who seek township office should file with the township clerk. Candidates for county office should file with the county clerk. Forms can be obtained from any county or township clerk.

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PAY BILLS: Moved by Ypma, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted.
Check #'s (8106 rewrite to Carl Potter) 8107-8128. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date