

## **BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**April 10, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Richard VanSyckle, Treasurer Jennifer McKeever, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee James Rhodes, Trustee David Soya. (Trustee Soya left meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor VanSyckle read a letter from Dennis Pennington, of Barry Co. Agriculture Preservation.

**GUESTS:** Christine Hiar, Green Gables Haven, gave a report regarding the shelter. The board presented her with a check.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. George Cullers addressed the BIRCH Insurance policy, stating he is against the board adopting the proposed policy. Other residents in attendance also expressed their opposition. Supervisor VanSyckle stated more information is needed and that the board has not decided on this issue.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT** – Mr. McKelvey presented his report.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** – Commissioner Mr. Jeff VanNortwick was unable to attend. Mr. George Cullers reported on some of the highlights from the commissioner's meeting, in which Mr. Cullers had attended.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CEMETERY CONTRACT** – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to approve a 1-year contract with the Roush family. 4 ayes 0 nays Motion carried.

**ALTERNATE/BOARD OF REVIEW** – Moved by Ypma, supported by McKeever to appoint Shirley Drake as alternate for Board of Review. 4 ayes 0 nays Motion carried.

**PARKING LOT BIDS** – there were no bids received from the publication advertised in the paper. Supervisor Van Syckle will contact the road commission for a quote.

**OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT** – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Rhodes to adopt a policy that anyone wishing to review township records, including assessment rolls and appraisal cards, may do so during customary business hours. Please call the appropriate township officials to set up an appointment. For five or more copies, there will be a charge of 10 cents per page. 4 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

**MEETING CHANGED** – due to the Election on May 8, 2007, the regularly scheduled township meeting has been rescheduled for May 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

**HALL PLANS** - The board discussed a 2-5 year plan to add amenities to the township hall. Last year, the township generated \$1,500.00 in hall rental. Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Ypma to approve up to \$650.00 from the hall funds to purchase an outdoor bench. 4 ayes 0 nays Motion carried.

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