

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2006

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

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS: Christine Heir of Green Gables, Julie Nakfoor Pratt – Prosecuting Attorney Candidate, Susan Vlietstra – State Representative Candidate

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Soya gave a Board of Review report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Mr. Wing gave a report.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board approved rescheduling the August 8th regular board meeting for August 1, 2006 due to elections.
- Treasurer McKeever reported that she is still researching information regarding Dowling Library.
- The board signed a 1-year contract with sexton Gordon Roush.
- Audit schedules with memorandum and fixed asset information packets were distributed to each board member.
- No decision was made regarding spending money on roads within the township for 2006-07. Supervisor VanSyckle reported he has not found a company willing to do spot applications of calcium chloride. Supervisor VanSyckle has contacted township attorney, Mr. Goulooze, regarding drafting language for a road/fire millage to possibly be placed on the August ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **SEMCO Energy** – Moved by Soya, seconded by Rhodes to take no action regarding the SEMCO Energy Ordinance presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **WORKER'S COMPENSATION** – It was of the opinion of Mr. James Goulooze, township attorney, to cancel worker's compensation currently covering the sextons. Moved by Soya, seconded by Rhodes to cancel policy. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Ypma will contact insurance company to cancel.
- **OPENING & CLOSING OF GRAVE SITES** – Moved by McKeever, seconded by Ypma to approve for the clerk and treasurer to make payment to the sextons between board meetings. 3 ayes 2 opposed Motion carried.
- **ASSESSOR UPDATE** – Supervisor VanSyckle reported he has spoken with township assessor, Dennis McKelvey, asking that he attend the May meeting. The board discussed requesting a monthly written report from the assessor and Mr. McKelvey attend township board meetings quarterly. Moved by Rhodes, seconded by Soya to have a mandatory May meeting with the assessor. All ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor VanSyckle will contact Mr. McKelvey.

- TRUSTEES’ PER DIEM POLICY – Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by McKeever that trustees salary will include 12 regular board meetings per year, plus 3 additional meetings; any additional meetings will require pre-approval for per diem pay.
3 ayes 2 opposed Motion carried.

REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

TREASURER - Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

CLERK - Approval of minutes from March 14, 2006 regular board meeting & minutes from March 27, 2006 Budget Hearing & Adoption meeting. Moved by Rhodes, seconded by Soya to accept the minutes as submitted. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by McKeever to pay bills as submitted.
4 ayes 1 nay Motion carried.

Clerk Ypma gave a May 2nd election update. The new voting equipment has arrived (purchased through a HAVA grant).

We are still waiting for reimbursement from the State of Michigan for voter ID cards.

Compliments given to Chad McKeever for his efforts in designing the township website. Anyone interested in obtaining information on upcoming elections can now view through the website, as well as monthly minutes and other related township information.

Website: www.baltimoretp.com

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date