

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Miller, Treasurer Jennifer McKeever, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Chad McKeever, Trustee Jeremy Miller.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Miller reported to the board that, due to the high cost of fire and rescue with BIRCH, he met with the Johnstown Supervisor regarding the possibility of contracting half of the township for fire and rescue with Johnstown Township in an attempt to save money. Mr. Miller reported that he will be attending the BIRCH meeting scheduled on April 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Hastings Charter Township Hall, to discuss this issue. Mr. Miller reported meeting with Michelle Skedgell of Pierce Cedar Creek Institute regarding recycling for our township residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

SEXTON'S CONTRACT – Moved by C. McKeever, supported by J. McKeever to accept the sexton's contract with no changes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Ypma presented to board members a copy of a report prepared regarding sexton's pay throughout Barry County. Report on file with the clerk.

FIRE MILLEAGE – the board discussed the possibility of placing a Fire/Rescue millage on the ballot. Moved by P.Ypma, supported by C. McKeever to table a decision until next month. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHECK CASHING POLICY – Moved by J. McKeever, supported by R. Miller to place a check cashing policy that would state any personal checks not cashed within 90-days will be turned over to the State of Michigan and placed in an escheating account. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOWLING STREET LIGHTING – C. McKeever reported that if the board were to decide to shut off the lighting in Dowling, Consumer's Power would remove all equipment. The board decided to take no action.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the March 9, 2010 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the March 9, 2010 Budget Hearing Meeting minutes were approved. Moved by P.Ypma, supported by J.McKeever. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Moved by J. McKeever, supported by C.McKeever to approve payment for checks # 8713-8737 in the amount of \$7,288.98. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented a report.

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LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

George Cullers commented that he would like to see the board stay with BIRCH and to try and pass a millage before deciding to split the township. Gene Willison commented that he thinks it is a good idea to split the township for fire and rescue.

George Cullers commented that the pine tree east of the shed, at the Dowling Cemetery, is in poor condition and should be considered for removal. Supervisor Miller will follow-up and report to the board next month. David Whitmore would like to see the approach on Geething Lane paved. Supervisor Miller will contact the road commission to get a cost.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Ron Miller, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date