

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 9, 2006**

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**

**COMMISSIONER REPORT** – Mr. Thomas Wing Absent

**GUESTS:**

Brian Reynolds, State Representative Candidate  
Tom Evans, Prosecutor Candidate

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT** – Mr. McKelvey presented a report. Supervisor VanSyckle asked Mr. McKelvey if he would present a report every 3 months.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**DOWLING LIBRARY**– Treasurer McKeever reported that she has spoken to the State library specialist from Lansing and Walker, Fluke & Sheldon, who stated that the library payroll is being handled in accordance with the law. Treasurer McKeever reported that she has a copy of the law if anyone would like a copy.

**DUST CONTROL** – Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there is not a company available to do individual spot applications of chloride anymore. Supervisor VanSyckle presented the board with quotes from the Barry County Road Commission for liquid chloride. Moved by Ypma, seconded by VanSyckle to approve 3 applications of 26% chloride at approximately \$7,200 per application, totaling approximately \$21,600 to be transferred from the general fund to highway fund.

Roll Call Vote:

VanSyckle – YES Ypma – YES Rhodes – NO McKeever – NO Soya – NO

Motion defeated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PCCI JUDGEMENT** – Treasurer McKeever explained the “tax exemption” judgment received for Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. The township owes for 1 year of back taxes \$2,846.44 payable to Barry County Treasury. The Dowling Library portion includes interest and penalties of \$44.97. Moved by McKeever, seconded by Ypma to have the township pay the library’s interest and penalty portion of \$44.97. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**MILLAGE INCREASE** – Supervisor VanSyckle presented the language prepared by Attorney Mr. James Goulooze. Language includes a 1 mill increase for road maintenance and 1 mill increase for fire protection. Each proposal will be voted on separately. Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by Soya to place the proposals on the August 8, 2006 ballot. 4 Ayes 1 opposed Motion carried.

**PAYROLL CHANGES** – Clerk Ypma presented the board with a copy of the law stating payroll must be paid before the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. The clerk and the treasurer will comply with the law beginning June 1, 2006. Checks will be mailed unless you request otherwise.

**REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**Treasurer:** Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

**Clerk:** Approval of minutes from 4/11/06 regular board meeting. Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by Ypma to accept the minutes as submitted. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pay Bills: Moved by McKeever, seconded by VanSyckle to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s – 7558-7584. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Case received through a FOIA request the township’s insurance policy on worker’s compensation; however, he did not request the liability policy. Mr. Case asked if worker’s compensation had been cancelled on the sextons. Clerk Ypma reported it had been cancelled last month and that a waiver request is being mailed to Gordon Roush to sign. Canceling the worker’s compensation policy saved the township \$94.00 annually. It was also suggested that the board look into the insurance policy regarding liability issues. Treasurer McKeever volunteered to look into the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date