

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2008

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Supervisor VanSyckle.

GUESTS: Ben Geiger, legislative assistant to State Rep. Brian Calley

PUBLIC COMMENT – Question regarding property being changed from agricultural to residential. Assessor Ben Brousseau addressed the question. Resident would like approach added to Geething Lane Rd.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – Ben Brousseau gave an update regarding reappraisals.

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

NEW BUSINESS

GRAVEL ROAD RESOLUTION – Motioned by VanSyckle, seconded by Soya to approve Slag seal on Dowling Rd. in the amount of \$21,390.00. Add gravel in the amount of \$12,060.00 and recommended painting, (as per road commission) in the amount of \$300.00.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays Passed

ASSESSOR’S RESIGNATION LETTER – Motioned by McKeever, seconded by Ypma to accept Dennis McKelvey’s letter of resignation dated March 28, 2008.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays Passed

ASSESSOR’S CONTRACT – Motioned by VanSyckle, seconded by McKeever to accept a 1-year contract (May 15, 2008 – May 15, 2009) with Ben Brousseau, of Appraisal Plus.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays Passed

ADMINISTRATION FEES – Motioned by Rhodes, seconded by Soya to drop the 1% administration fees charged to taxpayers.

VOTE: 4 Yeas 1 Nay Passed

911 SERVICE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT – The board reviewed the letter received from Orangeville Supervisor, Thomas Rook. Suggestions were submitted to Soya, committee member, for review.

STATE TAX COMMISSION LETTER – Supervisor VanSyckle reported receiving a letter from the State Tax Commission regarding issues cited by the STC pertaining to the March Board of Review results. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that all BOR members and himself are to report before the STC in Lansing, on June 12th, at 12 noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the April 8, 2008 minutes were approved. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Soya to approve minutes.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays Passed

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Mrs. Ypma stated that there were 113 voters who voted during the May 6th School Election. Township candidates running for office are as follows:

Supervisor: Republican Richard VanSyckle, Democrat Ronald Miller, Democrat Shirley Drake

Treasurer: Republican Jennifer McKeever

Clerk: Democrat Penelope Ypma

Trustee: Republican David Soya, Republican Chad McKeever, Democrat Jeremy Miller

LIBRARY BOARD:

Laura Kingma, Amy Stambaugh, and Mary Baker.

Mrs. Ypma reported meeting with auditors today. Internal control suggestions were as follows:

- APPROVAL OF BILLS - All board members initial “Bills for Approval” report, upon approval at each monthly meeting.
- MAIL - Establish a P.O. Box at the post office. Designate an area for each staff person to receive their mail (i.e., wall mount mailbox).
- KEYS – All keys to have a DO NOT DUPLICATE inscribed on them. Incorporate a log sheet as to who has a key by using a check-in/check-out tracking sheet.

PAY BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 8154-8182.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays Passed

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Mr. VanSyckle congratulated Mrs. McKeever on her accomplishment in completing her run in the Boston Marathon.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor		Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk		Date

