

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 9, 2009**

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.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – Question regarding who pays for the mowing being done on the sides of the highways.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NON-SUFFICIENT FUND POLICY** – Moved by J. McKeever, supported by P. Ypma to add a \$25.00 charge to any returned checks for non-sufficient funds. Motion carried.

Treasurer McKeever updated the board regarding where the township currently has the bank account. Based on McKeever's report, the board decided to keep the account where it is at this time. McKeever will continue to check with other banks and credit unions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNUNITY RENEWAL**- Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. McKeever to renew the current annuity policy. Motion carried.

**TABLE DRAIN BUDGET** – The board discussed the bill received for \$2600 for drain repairs. The board agreed to wait until next month to approve payment.

**BS&A CONTRACT** – Moved by J. McKeever, supported by P. Ypma to approve a contract with BS&A to provide township tax information on-line. There is no charge to the township; however, there is a \$2.00 charge to the user. Motion carried.

**TAX RECEIPT POLICY** – Moved by R. Miller, supported by C. McKeever to amend tax notices so that the top portion will be the receipt, and the bottom portion is the bill. No duplicate receipts will be mailed unless requested, thus saving the township approximately \$1000.00 on postage annually. Motion carried. Treasurer McKeever will write an article for the newsletter informing residents of this change.

**TRUTH & TAXATION** – Treasurer McKeever presented the board with the current truth and taxation agreement. Moved by J. McKeever, supported by R. Miller to accept the truth and taxation as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Ypma reported that many nice comments were received regarding the new sign and flags at the Dowling Cemetery. The board decided to remove the smaller flags placed on veteran graves after Memorial Day at all of our cemeteries. Flags will be placed on the graves one week prior to Memorial Day and left on for one week following. The flags will be stored for the next year, saving approximately \$500 each year. In addition, the board decided to place the larger flags at the entry of Dowling Cemetery on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day. Brad Greenfield made the sign at Dowling Cemetery.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction the May 9, 2009 minutes were approved. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by R. Miller. Motion carried.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Moved by R. Miller, supported by P. Ypma to approve payment for check's # 8491-8520 in the amount of \$14,951.28. No discussion.  
Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick - absent

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – George Cullers recommended that the board take some of the funds from the cemetery CD and place it in the general fund. Earl Willison asked if the board took bids for the assessor's contract. Question regarding the amount of gravel placed on Cloverdale Rd. along Pierce Cedar Creek. Supervisor Miller reminded the public that a lot of the gravel this year is being paid for by the FEMA Grant that the road commission received from last year's heavy summer storms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Ron Miller, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date