

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2006

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest: George Shannon, Barry County Parks & Recreation Director.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Well attended meeting. Several comments regarding no dust control this year. Residents were asking the board to reconsider last month's failed motion regarding chloride applications. Kris Leary reported she had contacted an East Lansing Chloride Company, who reported they will do spot applications. Supervisor VanSyckle will contact company.

Edith Newton asked if water lines could be installed at Dowling Cemetery. Supervisor VanSyckle will check with cemetery sextons.

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Thomas Wing absent – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LIABILITY INSURANCE – Treasurer McKeever reported that she had researched the current insurance policy and reports that the township has adequate coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUTH & TAXATION – The board decided to have a hearing in August at the next regular board meeting. Clerk Ypma will do publications in the *Banner*.

AMEND BUDGET – Moved by Ypma, Seconded by VanSyckle to add Drain-at-Large/Repairs to the current budget and transfer \$780.00 from the general fund to drains fund. Motion carried.
5 Ayes 0 Nays

XEROX/COPIER – Treasurer McKeever presented prices and information regarding copying machines. It was discussed that the one in the office is not working and we need something soon for the upcoming audit. Options were using the copier at the library. Clerk Ypma and Treasurer McKeever to bring recommendations to next month's meeting.

ROAD RESOLUTION – Supervisor VanSyckle presented each board member with a copy of recommended road maintenance and repairs. Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by McKeever to approve \$35,000.00 budgeted for the recommendations presented by VanSyckle. (See attached itemized amount). Roll call vote:

Ypma – YES Soya – YES VanSyckle – YES Rhodes – YES McKeever – YES
Motion carried.

PROPANE PRE-BUY – Clerk Ypma reported the township has a \$224.00 credit with Crystal Flash, which can be applied to the upcoming year. The township used approximately 1,100 gallons last year. Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by Soya to purchase approximately 900 gallons of propane at \$1.69.9 by deadline, June 16, 2006. Motion carried.
5 Ayes 0 Nays

DUST CONTROL – Moved by Ypma, seconded by VanSyckle to apply two applications of 26% liquid chloride totaling approximately \$14,000.00 from the general fund. All gravel roads will receive one or two passes of liquid chloride. Roll call vote:
Ypma – YES McKeever – YES Soya – YES VanSyckle – YES Rhodes – YES
Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES from 6/13/06 regular board meeting. Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by Soya, to accept the minutes as submitted. No discussion. Motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, seconded by Ypma, to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 7594 - 7611. 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

TREASURER: Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read. Treasurer McKeever reported transferring the \$85,000 CD to a higher interest rate from 2.7 to 4.95.

PIERCE CEDAR CREEK JUDGEMENT – Treasurer McKeever presented the “tax exemption” judgment received for Pierce Cedar Creek Institute for 2003 -04. The township owes in back taxes \$5, 568.69 (including interest and penalties) payable to Barry County Treasury. The Dowling Library portion of back taxes (including interest and penalties) is \$1,129.77. Treasurer McKeever presented the judgment to the Dowling Library board for payment. Payments are due immediately. Clerk Ypma and Treasurer McKeever to pay the townships portion for payment from the general fund.

CLERK: The Township has received a new voting device for the disabled. The AutoMark was provided to each precinct throughout the State through a grant from the State of Michigan. The AutoMark will be available for use in the upcoming August primary election.

DATES TO REMEMBER...deadline to register to vote is July 10th, for the August 8th primary election. Last day to request AV ballots by mail is August 5th. Eligible voters wishing to vote in person by AV ballot may do so at the hall on August 7th.

SIGNED WAIVER: Received signed waiver regarding discontinuation of worker’s compensation from cemetery sexton, Gordon Roush.

AUDIT – June 27-30th from 9-5.

Clerk Ypma distributed road commission surveys to each board member along with Striker Cemetery repairs being completed by sextons.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date

