

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2008

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 to the flag was led by Supervisor VanSyckle.

GUESTS: Kathy Sheldon, of Walker, Fluke, & Sheldon, presented the board with the 2007-2008 audit findings. Kathy reported that the township received a “clean opinion”. Anyone who would like a copy of the audit should contact the clerk or it can be found on the Department of Treasury website.

George Cullers gave an updated presentation on the Farmland Preservation.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented a report. Mr. VanNortwick also thanked the public for their support in his reelection.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – George Cullers would like to see more gravel added to the rural roads with the unspent remaining funds allocated for highways in this year’s budget. Supervisor VanSyckle reported he will contact the road commission. Shirley Drake reported several “chatter bumps” on the gravel roads. Dennis Huss would like the board to research dying the rental hall carpet before considering replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

GRASS MOWING – Supervisor VanSyckle reported that Rob Case is interested in mowing the tall grasses around the hall for the hay. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that Rob does have liability insurance. Moved by Soya, supported by Rhodes to allow Rob Case to mow the tall grass.

VOTE: 5 Yeas 0 Nays PASSED

SHRUB REMOVAL – A thank-you was given to Brad Greenfield for removing the dead shrub at the end of building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CARPETING – the board tabled the discussion of carpet replacement until next month so that the clerk can research the possibility of dying the rental hall carpet to cover stains.

CLERK’S REPORT

RISK MANAGEMENT – Clerk Ypma reported meeting with Cindy White, of the Michigan Township Par Plan to review policies, as well as go through an inspection. Clerk Ypma gave each board member a copy of the review letter received from Cindy White. In the letter, the MTPP sited the township for not having fire extinguishers and gave the township until November to comply with the law. Since receiving the letter, the township has installed two extinguishers. Other suggestions were given regarding some minor wording to incorporate into the township’s hall rental policy, which was given to Treasurer McKeever.

DUST CONTROL – Motioned by Ypma, supported by McKeever to amend (increase) the dust control line item in the budget by \$729.35 to reflect the actual amount collected (\$11,229.35) for the 2008 dust control applications. Clerk Ypma reported that the Profit & Loss Statement provided to each board member now indicates the actual balance within the dust control line item.

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DUST CONTROL CONTINUED -

VOTE: 5 Yeahs 0 Nays PASSED

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the July 8, 2008 minutes were approved. Motion made by Rhodes, supported by Soya.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

PAY BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 8234 - 8255.

VOTE: 5 Yeahs 0 Nays PASSED

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

George Cullers wanted to know if there would be three applications of dust control. Supervisor VanSyckle reported "yes".

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date