

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2007

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

ABSENT: Trustee David Soya.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor VanSyckle made a statement regarding limited public comment. He reported that there will be two times during the meeting to hear from the public. Once the board goes into session, it is preferred that there are no interruptions during that time. During public comment time, anyone wanting to speak will be recognized by the supervisor by raising a hand.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Question regarding trustee Soya's absence from meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Due October 2007

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented his report and distributed minutes from County Commissioners' meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

SEMCO ENERGY TAX REBATE – Treasurer McKeever reported receiving a judgment order to repay SEMCO Energy \$820.64 in tax rebate money, as SEMCO Energy was granted tax-exemption. The township was ordered to pay the full amount and treasurer McKeever will bill the schools and county for their portions. The township portion owed was \$36.33.

Treasurer McKeever stated that she will be out of town on Sept. 25, 2007 and will not be able to attend the Special Meeting being held that evening when bids will be opened for reassessments.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the August 14, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, August 28, 2007 Special Board Meeting, and August 30, 2007 Special Board Meeting minutes were approved. Moved by McKeever, supported by VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

PAY BILLS: Moved by McKeever, supported by VanSyckle to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 7956-7978. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Question regarding township residents who are having difficulty paying their taxes because of economic times and high unemployment in our state. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that there is an application available for those who may need assistance. The Board of Review makes the qualifying determination in March of each year. Question raised regarding reassessing all parcels within the township. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that if the State Tax Commission orders a reassessment at the Oct. 2, 2007 hearing, the township will be completely reassessed.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date