

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2006

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

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

AUDIT REVIEW: Presented by Kathy Sheldon, Walker Fluke & Sheldon. A few recommendations were presented to the board for both the library and township. It was suggested that the township oversee the library budget and include approving the library budget at the same time the township budget is approved each fiscal year. Treasurer McKeever will attend the October library board meeting to present these suggestions. Overall, findings were good and the township was given a “clean opinion” by the auditors. The audit report will be submitted to the State of Michigan by the end of September by clerk Ypma. It was uncertain whether Union Cemetery should be separate from the township and library audit or included. Further research is needed to find out how the cemetery was originally formed. Supervisor VanSyckle will contact the IRS for more information.

GUESTS: Walt Herwarth, Candidate for State Rep. presented himself to the audience.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Mr. Thomas Wing absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WATER LINES AT DOWLING CEMETERY – Supervisor VanSyckle reported bids costing approximately \$1,800 - \$2,000 to add a line from the existing well to the east end of the cemetery. The board decided the cost was too excessive and will not pursue any further.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT APPROVAL – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Ypma to approve the April 1, 2005-March 31, 2006 fiscal year-end audit completed by Walker, Fluke & Sheldon. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVISE CAMPAIGN SIGN POLICY – Moved by McKeever, supported by Soya to change the wording in the policy adopted August 10, 2004 that stated { to not allow campaign signs to be put up on the Township Hall } to be revised with {No campaign signs allowed on township property }. All ayes. Motion carried.

MTA CONFERENCE – the board approved booking two rooms for the January MTA annual conference to be held in Detroit on January 23-26, 2007.

PLAT BOOKS – request from the Board of Review to purchase 3 new plat books. The board approved the purchase of 4, including one for the township.

GRASS CUTTING – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to approve paying trustee Soya \$50.00 to cut the tall grass behind the township hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

