

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2006

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

GUEST SPEAKERS: Michelle Skedgell gave a presentation from the National Resource Action Team. George Cullers gave a presentation on two ballot proposals.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeff VanNortwick, candidate for County Commissioner, informed the public of his open house October 24 in Dowling and Banfield. Ron Miller, candidate for County Commissioner announced his candidacy and asked the public for their support. Jake Ypma, deputy clerk, reported that he spoke with Sue Roush, cemetery sexton, who researched how many lots were reclaimed at Dowling Cemetery. It is reported that approximately 110-120 lots were reclaimed. In the past year and a half, we have sold 8 lots. Someone asked when the pine tree near the exit at Dowling Cemetery would be cut down. Supervisor VanSyckle reported this fall. James Rhodes, trustee, thanked the board for the get well card he received.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – NONE due February 2007.

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Mr. Thomas Wing absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dowling Cemetery Development – committee continues to research. It was suggested that Sue Roush be contacted as an advisor to the committee. Supervisor VanSyckle stated he would contact her.

NEW BUSINESS

Walker, Fluke & Sheldon, PLC contract – Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Ypma to approve the contract presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Conference - Moved by Ypma, supported by VanSyckle to give board approval for the treasurer and deputy treasurer to attend a conference November 1, 2006. Motion carried.

Clerk requested to buy a cart to transport chairs and the voting tabulator on Election Day. The cost is approximately \$200.00, which will be taken from the election budget. Moved by McKeever, supported by Ypma to allow the clerk to purchase a cart. Motion carried.

Treasurer reported that the township owes the Dowling Library for delinquent taxes (2004-05) in the amount of \$3,109.18.

REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

TREASURER: Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the 9/11/06 minutes were approved. Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever. Motion carried.

Trustee James Rhodes reported that residents on Geething Lane are in need of road repairs. Supervisor VanSyckle will contact the road commission.

PAY BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 7694- 7715. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

George Cullers stated that the township has a cemetery fund and the money to install water lines should come from that fund. Mr. Cullers encouraged the board to reconsider installing water lines at Dowling Cemetery. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the committee will consider during the planning of developing more spaces.

It was asked what was happening with the new Post Office in Dowling. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that it is currently on “hold” and the land that was to be the potential site has been sold to someone else.

George Cullers announced that he had yard signs for Proposal #3, if anyone wanted them.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date