

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 13, 2009**

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Miller, Treasurer Jennifer McKeever, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Chad McKeever, Trustee Jeremy Miller.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Miller.

**Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag was recited.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**IRS RULING ON ASSESSOR** – the board discussed the current legal opinion by the IRS and affirmed by MTA that townships need to have an employee to serve the function of the township assessor. The legal opinion is derived from the fact that the assessor of record is considered a public official and should take oath of office and be sworn in by the clerk. The board tabled a decision until next month’s meeting.

**MTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – this year’s annual conference will be held in Grand Rapids, the last week in January, 2010. Those board members who plan to attend need to let the clerk know by the end of October to receive discounts.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction the September 8, 2009 minutes were approved. Moved by J. McKeever, supported by P. Ypma. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Moved by C. McKeever, supported by J. McKeever to approve payment for check’s # 8586-8603 in the amount of \$6006.12. No discussion. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT** – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick presented a report. Mr. VanNortwick will contact the county clerk, Pam Jarvis, regarding cost for ballot programming and cost to maintain the licensing and software that will become a cost to the townships in the future.

**GUESTS** – Bob Miller, Barry County Road Commission. Mr. Miller presented a report regarding roads in our township.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Cullers would like an update from Mr. VanNortwick regarding the commissioner’s decision to vote to bill back the townships for ballot programming. Richard VanSyckle reported on the Dowling Post Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Ron Miller, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date