

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 14, 2006**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Willison stated that he attended the Natural Resource Action Team meeting, which is open to the public. Mr. Willison encourages public input before an ordinance is adopted.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT** – Due Feb. 2007

**COMMISSIONER REPORT** – Mr. Thomas Wing absent. Jeff VanNortwick gave handouts regarding open positions on nine boards throughout the County. If anyone is interested, please contact the person listed in the advertisement. It is unknown if township officials can sit on these open board positions. Mr. VanNortwick spoke about the failed millage for Charlton Park and asked if anyone had ideas to please contact him.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Dowling Cemetery – Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he has not been able to contact Sue Roush to ask her to sit on the committee. Trustee Soya reported measurements of: 130x160, grave sites are 4’x 12’ with 40 sites in each row. Four sites will need to be moved. Treasurer McKeever placed an article in the township newsletter asking residents if anyone would like to be on the cemetery committee to contact one of the board members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Trustee Soya presented the board with a request for reimbursement for the repair of a damaged guard to his tractor while brush hogging behind the hall. Trustee Rhodes motioned to pay the bill. With some discussion and no support on the motion made, trustee Soya withdrew his bill and trustee Rhodes withdrew his motion.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction the October 10, 2006 minutes were approved. Motion made by Rhodes, supported by Soya. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Supervisor: presented the board with Fire Agreement Amendment. Supervisor VanSyckle read a letter he received regarding Barry County Emergency plan that is being developed within the County. The County is looking for anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the development of this plan.

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

Clerk: Approximately 824 people voted within our township on Election Day, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, which is approximately 62 percent of our registered voters. The County Board of Canvassers have certified the November 7<sup>th</sup> Election.

Board of Review: Steve Soya reported that the B.O.R. will meet in December. Supervisor VanSyckle will prepare dates and times for advertisement in the *Banner*, and will submit to Clerk Ypma for publication. Reminder...Board of Review appointments are due January, 2007.

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**PAY BILLS:** Moved by VanSyckle, supported by McKeever to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 7716-7744. Motion carried.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Cullers stated that the election workers should be commended for their hard work on Election Day. He heard on WBCH that Baltimore Township was the first to turn in their election results the night of the elections and felt that was something to be proud of. Clerk Ypma stated we are fortunate to have such dedicated and competent election workers.

Mr. Cullers asked about the status of the Pierce Cedar Creek back taxes the township owed. Treasurer McKeever reported that they are paid in full. Mr. Cullers informed the board that Pierce Cedar Creek may be interested in helping financially with road and fire maintenance, as this was mentioned to him by Pierce Cedar Creek when he was Supervisor. Supervisor VanSyckle stated he would contact Michelle Skedgell for a meeting regarding the above. Clerk Ypma volunteered to attend that meeting with Supervisor VanSyckle.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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