

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2009

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY AUDIT COST – Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. McKeever to bill the Dowling Public Library \$658.00 for their portion of the township's audit. All Ayes. Motion carried.

HALL RENTAL FEES/POLICY – with much discussion, the board took no action in raising the hall rental cost. However, Clerk Ypma expressed concern for finding the hall in poor condition after being used by either the Girl Scouts or 4-H members by finding spray paint on the front porch and food left on the kitchen floor. In addition, supervisor Miller found the hall to be left in poor condition over the weekend by hall users. It was decided by the board to take better control of checking after each rental for proper clean-up. The board will work on a rotating schedule month by month with each board member taking their turn in checking after each use. The treasurer shall contact the board member in charge with dates that the hall is being occupied. If the hall is left in poor condition, the board member responsible for checking will be responsible for calling the hall renter and asking them to clean-up or forfeit their deposit. Phone numbers will be left in a folder prepared by the treasurer and left on the counter. Upon forfeit of deposit, the treasurer shall be contacted by the board member responsible. Schedule is as follows: December (C. McKeever) January (R. Miller) February (P. Ypma) March (J. Miller) April (J. McKeever), May – rotation starts over.

GIRL SCOUTS & 4H GROUP DEPOSITS – Moved by P. Ypma, supported by R. Miller to request a \$50.00 damage deposit annually from each group upon entering into an annual hall use agreement. The deposit will be refunded if the hall is found in the same condition or better condition upon each use annually. Otherwise, deposit will be forfeited. Both groups may continue to use the hall without rental fees. All ayes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ROAD COMMISSION MEETING is scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM, at the Barry County Road Commission office.

2010 AUDIT – the board tabled approving Walker, Fluke, & Sheldon as auditors for the upcoming year. Clerk Ypma has been instructed to contact other auditors for quotes.

SNOW PLOWING – Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. McKeever to approve Art DeFields to do the township's snowplowing at \$45.00 per snow removal.

ABSENCE – clerk Ypma asked to be excused from the January 12, 2010 meeting. Treasurer McKeever will take minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES: Moved by J. McKeever, supported by P. Ypma to approve the Poverty Guidelines as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN DOWLING – Supervisor Miller is continuing to work on the request.

