

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2007

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

GUESTS: Tom Bliesner of Western Insurance Agency. Tom presented the board with an updated policy and new decreased rates.

Eric Pessell, of the Barry County Health Department, presented facts regarding well and septic inspections.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – Due January, 2008.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Mr. Jeff VanNortwick announced that George Cullers was reappointed to a 2-year term on the Barry County Farmland Preservation board. In addition, a report from the commissioners’ meeting was presented.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Soya, Board of Review, announced his resignation due to moving into another township.

NEW BUSINESS - The board accepted Steve Soya’s letter of resignation from Board of Review. The board decided to wait until the next meeting to appoint another member. Applications for the MTA sponsored Board of Review training were distributed. As a reminder it was discussed that the state has ordered all March board of review members attend training, which will need to be reported to Ms. Kelli Sobel, State Tax Commission.

Supervisor VanSyckle reported on a letter received from the State Tax Commission regarding the assessor removing overrides from the 2008 assessment roll (see attached letter). VanSyckle reported meeting with Mr. McKelvey, Lewis Rogers, and Jayne McLeod (from the state assessing board) regarding the letter. VanSyckle reported that this letter is contrary to the state’s previous orders and therefore, Mr. McKelvey plans to dispute the letter attached.

Moved by Soya, supported by VanSyckle to increase the sexton’s salary \$750.00 for the upcoming 2008 contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer McKeever reported that the hall was rented on August 19, 2007 by Betty VanSyckle to Mary Inman. It was not reported to the treasurer until late November, when McKeever received a phone call from Mary Inman inquiring about her refund of deposit. Ms. McKeever questioned the supervisor, who reported the money was left on the treasurer’s desk (\$100 cash). As a result, the money was not found or deposited. In addition, a receipt was not given to Ms. Inman, nor a contract signed. Treasurer McKeever reported that she was out-of-town that particular day when Mary Inman tried to contact her last minute to rent the hall. Treasurer McKeever reported the lost money to the township auditors, who suggested a policy be implemented immediately. Treasurer McKeever is working on putting together a policy. After some discussion, it was suggested to add to the policy that we not accept cash as a method of payment. Moved by McKeever, supported by Ypma to refund Mary Inman \$50.00 deposit from the hall rental funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – New insurance quotes from Western Insurance Agency and Ted Hartleb Insurance Agency. The township policy expires January 1, 2008.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the November 13, 2007 minutes were approved. Motion made by Rhodes, supported by Soya. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read.

CLERK: Reported that she will be attending the Michigan Township Association conference in Detroit and will not be in attendance at the January meeting. Treasurer McKeever agreed to record the minutes.

PAY BILLS: Moved by VanSyckle, supported by Soya to pay bills as submitted. Check #'s 8028-8048. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Richard VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date