

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Feb 9, 2016

PRESENT: Supervisor Bill Miller, Treasurer Cheri Smith, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Art DeFields, Trustee Jake Ypma.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

GUEST: Laura Kingma, Dowling Public Library President. Ms. Kingma presented the township board with the library budget 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the January 12, 2016 minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by B. Miller. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by B. Miller, supported by P. Ypma, to approve payment for checks #10837-10860 in the amount of \$7,520.64. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Outdoor Lighting & Security Camera Grant – Clerk Ypma reported the township was awarded \$3,150, as requested. The outdoor lighting was not approved in the grant request. The board tabled discussion regarding the outdoor lighting until the next board meeting.

AED Grant – Clerk Ypma reported that the township was awarded the grant for purchase of an AED through Spectrum Pennock Health. Training will be provided. Those interested in training should sign-up with the clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Sexton Bids –the board agreed to advertise for cemetery sexton position. Clerk Ypma will write ad for sealed bids. The board agreed to place an ad in the *Reminder* and open bids at our March 15, 2016 board meeting.

Hall Rental Discussion – Trustee Ypma expressed concerns regarding our hall rental. The intent for hall rental use was for baby showers, bridal showers, graduation parties, etc. Upon considerable consultation with Michigan Township Association, it was determined that there can be a significant difference in hall rental prices for residents vs. non-residents. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, for any future hall rentals, not previously contracted: rental rate to stay same for residents (\$75), but increase rental rate for non-resident to \$400; security deposit of \$200 for both resident and non-resident. 4 ayes 1 nay (DeFields) Motion carried.

Moved by J. Ypma, supported by B. Miller to change hall rental form to coincide with new rental rate schedule. 4 ayes 1 nay (DeFields) Motion carried.

The board agreed to keep the deposit agreement for the hall rental use for the Gun Auction to be held on Feb. 13, 2016, as stated in the amount of \$50.

Library Budget – Moved by B. Miller, supported by P. Ypma to approve the library budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mr. James Dull presented a report.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Willison asked the board to opt out of the new ORV ordinance that was recently passed by the County Board of Commissioners. George Cullers had questions regarding the January bills paid. George Cullers stated that the hall decorations and painting really look nice. Trustee DeFields reported he would not seek re-election as trustee next term. Supervisor Miller reported unless something changes, he will not seek re-election

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Bill Miller, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date