

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2016

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GUEST: Craig Stolsonburg announced he was running for County Clerk.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the February 9, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by B. Miller. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: No report provided.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported that the Presidential Primary Election went well. There were 508 ballots cast, which is about a 35 percent turnout. Additional voting booths will need to be purchased for the November 2016 election, as it is expected it will take longer for voters to mark their ballots as there is no longer straight party voting. Spring road tour with the Barry County Road Commission is scheduled for April 9, 2016. Meet at the township hall at 8:00 am.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by B. Miller, supported by P. Ypma, to approve payment for checks # 10861-10895 in the amount of \$12,004.10. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OUTDOOR LIGHTING – the board agreed to table until the April regular board meeting. Trustee DeFields will get a new quote.

NEW BUSINESS

DUST CONTROL – Trustee Ypma explained to the board that he may not be able to ride in the chloride truck during the first application of dust control. Trustee Ypma asked the board for permission to sub-contract someone for the 1st application if needed. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by B. Miller to approve sub-contracting. All ayes. Motion carried.

OPENING OF SEXTON SEALED BIDS – 9 sealed bids were received.
Bids range from \$7,500 - \$35,000.

SEXTON CONTRACT – Trustee Ypma presented the importance of record keeping requirements for our cemeteries. The cemetery books were on display and an explanation of what is required by the sexton. Ypma reported that our current sextons, Gordon and Sue Roush, do an excellent job in keeping records. It is felt that our issues in the past have been corrected with the Roush’s. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, to approve Gordon Roush as cemetery sexton for 1-year in the amount of \$9,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Ypma suggested marking our cemeteries with row markers. It is difficult for families to find cemetery plots when calling the clerk for location. The clerk is planning to attend a cemetery conference sponsored by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks June 8-10, 2016. Cemetery vendors will be at the conference for consulting and prices for markers.

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Supervisor B. Miller presented a bronze recognition plaque for veterans to be displayed at our cemeteries. Research on the plaques was presented by Gary and Karen Welcher. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by B. Miller to approve the purchase of two plaques from Dowling Monument in the amount of \$349.35 each. Cost includes installation.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – Nancy Houhtalin reported that the entry sign at Striker Cemetery needs to be painted. N. Houhtalin reported that her family is willing to volunteer the painting work. The board was appreciative and will check on liability coverage for volunteers and report next month. Noralee Rhodes asked if 2 passes of chloride could be applied in front of her house as the road is wider in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Bill Miller, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date