

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the April 12, 2016 minutes were approved. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by A. DeFields. 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 # 10918-10946 in the amount of \$15,867.24. Clerk Ypma reported that Assessor Anderson did not receive his paycheck in the amount of \$889.00, dated 1-1-16, which was mailed via U.S. Postal Services. As a result, a new check will be issued. Clerk and Treasurer will void check # 10828 in the amount of \$889.00, replaced by check #10946 in the amount of \$889.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP HALL LAWN CARE – Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to approve Emmalee and Haylee VanSyckle to mow the lawn at the township for the summer of 2016. Payment in the amount of \$800. Clerk Ypma will contact Western Insurance Co. to inform them of hiring temporary summer help. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP CO-OP PHEASANT RESTORATION – Trustee Ypma, and Chairperson representing the pheasant organization, reported on the efforts in obtaining land to plant habitat in various areas of the township. Currently they have approximately 300 acres planted throughout the township. A habitat sign was donated by Mark Bishop, township resident and active member of the organization. A photo of the sign was presented. Trustee Ypma asked the board for approval to plant habitat around the township hall and place the sign on the property of the township. The organization will take all responsibility of maintaining, so no cost to the township will incur. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by B. Miller. All ayes. Motion carried.

DOWLING CEMETERY RECLAIMED LOT ISSUE – Clerk Ypma reported a call received by Sue Roush, Cemetery Sexton, prior to coming to this meeting. Sue received a call today from a member of the Cowles family who wanted to arrange a burial for their Mother who has passed. Sue informed Cowles family that the 6 lots that they purchased in 1958 were reclaimed through the township in the year 2001 and were all resold to other families in 2010. Clerk Ypma reported that she did not have enough time to contact MTA for legal advice prior to the meeting. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to offer the Cowles family 6 other spaces at Dowling Cemetery at the same cost of purchase in 1958, providing they can provide a receipt of purchase. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK’S REPORT –

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY – conflict with our November 8, 2016 regular board meeting. The board rescheduled the November 8, 2016 meeting to November 10, 2016, 7:00 PM.

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2016 TOWNSHIP FILING UPDATE - Clerk Ypma reported Township Candidates who have filed: (2) Supervisor Candidates: Jeremy Miller and Chad VanSyckle; (2) Treasurer Candidates: Anna Miller and Melissa VanSyckle; (1) Clerk Candidate: Penelope Ypma; Trustee Candidate: (1) Jake Ypma; Trustee (1) Vacancy.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mr. James Dull was absent.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Bill Miller, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date