

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS 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: Jim Brown, BIRCH Chairman, complimented Bill Miller on his excellent work with the BIRCH board.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the October 11, 2016 minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P.Ypma. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by B. Miller, supported by J. Ypma, to approve payment for checks #11078-11108 in the amount of \$19,257.77. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hall Rental Coordinator: Tabled until the December Regular Board meeting.

Dowling Cemetery Lot Request – Clerk Ypma reported that contact was made with one family member who is related to deceased member of owner of the reclaimed lot. The other family involved has not been available for contact. Clerk Ypma is preparing to send a certified letter to address known. At this time, no recommendation of certainty can be made as to whether or not we should resell the reclaimed lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Lighting – Dowling has received new energy efficient lighting. Contract from Consumers was presented and signed.

Adopt Investment Policy – Clerk Ypma presented a copy of an investment policy. The board tabled until next month, giving everyone time to review.

AED – Spectrum Health delivered the AED to the township on election day. The AED was provided through a grant request. Spectrum Health will provide training. Any board member interested in receiving training, please see clerk. Training will be offered to election inspectors as well. Trustee Ypma will install the AED in the hall area.

NEW TREASURER TRAINING – Moved by B.Miller, supported by P.Ypma, to approve the new treasurer and deputy to attend training provided by Michigan Township Association on November 22, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

MERCY AMBULANCE: Moved by B. Miller, supported by P. Ypma, to extend a 5-year contract with Mercy Ambulance that expires June 1, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK’S REPORT – Clerk Ypma reported that Election Day was extremely busy, but went very well with no issues to report. Newly elected board members are as follows: Supervisor, Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer, Melissa VanSyckle and Trustee, Mike Altoft. Returning board members: Clerk, Penelope Ypma and Trustee, Jake Ypma. New board members take office at noon on November 20, 2016. Oath of office was given to all officers present at meeting.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Ypma thanked Commissioner Jim Dull for his excellent service. In addition, a thank you to Art DeFields and Cheri Baker-Smith for their service to the township. A special thank you to Bill Miller for his dedication and hard work given to the township.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date