

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Mike Altoft, Trustee Jake Ypma.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Supervisor VanSyckle announced that he will be following Robert Rules of Order once the board goes into session. Please limit comments during public comments only.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the August 10, 2017 minutes were approved. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks # 11348 - 11369 in the amount of \$9,426.39. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marihuana Ordinance: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to table until next month, so the board can review changes made by the township attorney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Event Ordinance: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to table until next month, so the board can review changes presented by the township attorney. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Softener: Supervisor VanSyckle presented a quote from Culligan of Hastings in the amount of \$1,441.91. Trustee Ypma suggested that we get another quote. The board tabled a decision until the next board meeting.

Board of Review: Supervisor VanSyckle reported the resignation of Brian Olmstead as Board of Review member. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by J. Ypma, to appoint Gene Willison to finish the remaining term as Board of Review member. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported that she was asked by the County Clerk to take the election responsibilities for Maple Grove Township for the November 2017 election. Maple Grove Township Clerk is having some health issues. Therefore, Clerk Ypma agreed to assume all responsibilities. Clerk Ypma reported that all costs for this election will be paid for by the Commission on Aging.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Commissioner Heather Wing presented a report.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Willison commented on the mapping in regard to Clear Lake Drain perhaps being incorrect. Dave Whitmore reported that he is not clear on the marihuana enforcement officer’s responsibilities. Dave Whitmore questioned how many will benefit from the Clear Lake Drain project, reporting that he is not in support of paying for improvements. George Cullers reported that Dowling Cemetery is in need of gravel in the driveway. Jake Ypma gave a brief explanation of the conflict the board has had recently with two women from the township. Dave Whitmore commented to trustee Ypma, stating that he has sat on many boards, and sometimes you need to set your standards slightly above others.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date