

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GUEST: Julie Nakfoor-Pratt, Barry County Prosecutor. Ms. Pratt reported on an outdoor event recently held on Bird Rd., known as the “Mud Bog.” Ms. Pratt reported that after receiving several complaint calls, she decided to attend the Mud Bog. Ms. Pratt was escorted by a Police Officer on Friday night prior to the 3-day event. Ms. Pratt reported that she has received complaint calls regarding excessive noise over the past 5 years.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the May 9, 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.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma presented a Firework Display informational packet to each board member that was printed from the MTA’s website. Clerk Ypma reported meeting with Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Control Representative Dustin Drabek, regarding compliance information within our township. Dustin noted that Baltimore Township was insuring the outbuilding and carried liability insurance for Union Cemetery. Dustin noted that Union Cemetery land does not fall within Baltimore Township. Therefore, Baltimore Township should not be insuring land and an outbuilding that they do not own. Clerk Ypma reported that for the August 8 Election, that she will consolidate all of Maple Grove Township’s Hastings voters. Maple Grove Township clerk is responsible to send all Hastings voters a letter to explain where they will vote for this election only. Clerk Ypma distributed copies of Hope Township’s outdoor event ordinance. The board asked Clerk Ypma to obtain a copy of Rutland Township’s outdoor event ordinance as well.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to approve payment for checks # 11258-11286 & check # 11294 to Key Cleaning in the amount of \$150.00. Total amount for month \$59,881.42. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MARIHUANA GROWER REQUEST UPDATE: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle to table until July. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLEAR LAKE RESOLUTION: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to approve the resolution presented by County Drain Commissioner, James Dull. All ayes. Motion carried.

GRAVEL INCREASE: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve an extra \$10,000 this year to the Barry County Road Commission for additional gravel. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER’S CONFERENCE: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle to approve township treasurer and deputy treasurer to attend a conference in Frankenmuth, MI, in July 2017.

REMOVE UNION CEMETERY FROM INSURANCE POLICY: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, that as of July 1, 2017, Baltimore Township remove all liability and insurance on the outbuilding at Union Cemetery from the township's policy. 4 ayes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

MARIHUANA GROWER REQUEST: Scott Adams' presented the board with an Adams Family Farms packet pertaining to the Michigan Marihuana law.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Wieas, who lives north of the property where the mud bog is held, expressed his concerns about the loud noise, dust, garbage left behind, and safety issues with fireworks display. Scott Adams complained of dust near his home where there has been heavy traffic by large semi-trucks recently. Chuck Jordan asked each board member what their opinion was regarding the new Michigan Marihuana law. Heather Wing expressed her condolences to the family in Baltimore Township who recently experienced a tragedy.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date