

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 10, 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:** Shawn Benner spoke to the board in regard to his interest in becoming a marihuana grower and processor. Shawn also asked the board to consider adopting 2 processors instead of 1. Jim Shurlo questioned a noise ordinance. Supervisor VanSyckle clarified that it is not a noise ordinance being considered, rather an Outdoor Event Ordinance.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the September 12, 2017 minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks # 11370-11395 in the amount of \$9,983.45. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Water Softener Quotes: The board reviewed 3 quotes: Wilbur’s Plumbing \$1,100; besco \$1,719; and Culligan \$1,441.94. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to approve purchase from Culligan’s of Hastings. All ayes. Motion carried.

Outdoor Event Ordinance: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma to approve the ordinance as prepared by township attorney. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: M. Altoft – YES  
M. VanSyckle – NO P. Ypma – YES C. VanSyckle – YES J. Ypma – YES Motion carried.

Application Fee and Escrow Fee: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft to adopt the fee schedule as follows: Application fee \$300 non-refundable; Escrow \$1,500 refundable.  
Roll Call Vote: C. VanSyckle – YES M. VanSyckle – YES J. Ypma – YES M. Altoft – YES  
P. Ypma – YES Motion carried.

Marihuana Ordinance – Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to approve the “opt in” marihuana Ordinance with one change to Sec. 3, page 2, paragraph (b) to read 2 (two) processors.  
Roll Call Vote: C. VanSyckle – YES M. Altoft – YES P. Ypma – YES M. VanSyckle – YES  
J. Ypma- YES. Motion carried.

Marihuana Enforcement Officer – Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, to appoint C. VanSyckle to act as the enforcement officer at \$13 per hour, as needed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

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

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gene Willison questioned Key Cleaning cleaning the township hall carpet on a regular 3 month basis. Gene Willison requested that a third public comment be added to the agenda, so that the public can have input before the board votes on issues. Gene reported that Assyria Township Supervisor runs their meetings with public comment before the board votes on issues. Supervisor VanSyckle explained that Public Comment is given at the beginning of each meeting to address anything that is listed on the agenda. Gene Willison asked how much money has been spent on attorney fees to write ordinances. (NO NAME GIVEN) asked why he hasn't been contacted regarding regular board meetings. Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date