

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Jana Bishop, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Ypma.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on March 12th, 2024 the Special Meeting Minutes for budget purposes of March 15, 2024 and March 28, 2024 were all approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by A. VanSyckle. All approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund:	\$689,148.40
Receipts:	\$108,253.72
Disbursement/Bills	\$ 28,895.86
Balance	\$768,506.26

Money Market – February 2024

	Interest	Total
10 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$391.39	\$108,608.53
6 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$178.34	\$ 52,817.06
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.56	\$ 64,578.08
9 month CD @ HCB-CLOSED	\$3,000.49	\$103,000.49

No discussion – Approve Treasurers Report – Moved by C. VanSyckle and seconded by A. VanSyckle. All Ayes – motion passed.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Discussion about the building about the at the Dowling Cemetery not being secured – need to look at what is stored there and determine if we need to secure the bldg. and have keys here at the hall as well as one for the Sexton.

J. Bishop motioned that rather than having internet access provided for working at home the board approve the reimbursement of \$20.00 per month to her. The work phone is on her existing phone plan to be that rate, this monthly reimbursement will be allowed. Supported by A. VanSyckle. All Ayes – motion passed.

Petitions and applications to run for all positions are due to the Clerk by April 23, 2024. The Deputy Clerk will have office hours that day from 4-8pm to receive the required paperwork.

J. Bishop has become a Notary for the benefit of the Township

ARPA updated. Upon reconciliation of the existing ARPA expenses there is currently \$109,597.89 balance with \$60,000 set aside for Shawn Benner’s work at the Cemetery and \$38,980.00 for the purchase of BS&A software (Payroll, Receivable, Payable, Assessing, Taxes) and to move it to the cloud. This leaves a balance of \$10,617.89 which must be obligated by December 31, 2024

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Discussion about the businesses which perform services for the Township needing to be 1099 and insurance provided. J. Bishop will contact MTA to get a legal opinion.

Reimb for February Presidential Primary will be submitted next week for a total of \$6,855.00 – we likely get less as the rate for election workers for reimbursement is \$15.00 and we pay \$18.00.

A motion was made by J. Bishop and supported by J. Ypma to allow payment of items under contract, utility bills and any bills with a payment due date of a week after the next Board meeting to be made before board approval. All Ayes – Motion passed.

Board was unanimous that though it makes sense to change the time of early voting for a couple late evenings it was not worth the \$800.00 to resend postcards.

The BS&A contract was signed on 4/9/2024.

Fire Pros checked our fire alarm system and it is working fine

Notice to the board if you need your computer (laptop or desktop) hooked up to the new printer please do that before April 26th so we can drop the IT services from our contract.

BEAD a program for Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment is inviting public and private citizens to check the map on their website. If they disagree with the accuracy of the map and their highspeed internet access they may submit a challenge. There is a Grant the state is working with to provide highspeed internet access to all. Go to the BEAD Challenge Website for more information.

Cemetery 1st quarter updated – 3 full funerals, 1 cremation and 2 foundations poured

Asked when the new section of Dowling Cemetery would be completed – people are wanting to purchase plots. C. VanSyckle will check w Shawn Benner.

APPROVE WARRANTS: M. VanSyckle moved to pay the bills as presented and supported by C. VanSyckle, approval for payment for checks #13380 – 13406 in the amount of \$5,999.58. All Ayes – motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Medical Marihuana License Ordinance Change – posted in last weeks Banner and is now effective

Hazardous Material Ordinance – Tabled

Facebook Page – Tabled

Lock box – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

The budget process changed the way Trustees will be paid effective April 1, 2024. Rather than a salary they will be paid a per diem. Trustees agreed to this in the budget meeting.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT –
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Bruce Campbell

Gave approval to appoint Dr. Amanda Fisher-Hubbard, M.D., and effective on 4/1/24, Dr. Christine James, D.O. as Deputy Medical Examiners for Barry County.

Approval, in accordance with the Airport Commission Joint Operating Agreement, to spend \$400,000 from the Airport Fund for required match funds for the state grant to construct a new terminal building, as approved by the Airport Commission, with \$200,000 to come from fund balance for Airport Fund, and \$100,000 to be paid from loan proceeds to the Airport from the county, and \$100,000 to be paid from loan proceeds to the Airport from the City of Hastings, to be repaid over 10 years beginning in 2025, and approval to spend up to \$10,000 for an independent feasibility study for the project with funds to be paid from Airport fund, and approval of the attached budget amendment.

Approval of a court specialist 1 position, grade level 5 on the BCCEA pay scale (this eliminates Administrative Assistant and Legal Secretary positions) effective February 24, 2024.

Approval to reclassify the Adult Specialty Courts Administrative Assistant position to an Adult Specialty courts Operations Coordinator position, effective February 24, 2024.

Jamie Lewis Hedges, Executive Director of Barry Conservation District presented his annual report.

A search for a replacement for Michael Brown, county manager has begun. This is being done by the Personal & Human Services Committee and Michael Brown. The County is expecting a lot of high level positions will become vacant in the next 2 years. These positions will also pass through this committee.

We adopted Resolution #24-10, Resolution is for approving a Brownfield TIF Plan for the village of Nashville.

We adopted Resolution #24-07 which is a resolution to abolish the Office of the County Surveyor.

Adopted Resolution ~~#4~~₂₄-08, a resolution to approve 2024 county equalization

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values and to authorize certification of L-4024.

We also adopted Resolution #24-09 affirming the Board's support of the Constitution and 2nd Amendment.

We are still in need of more signatures on the petition to return control of the alternative energy structure back to local control. I do have a petition with me if you have not signed and would like to do so.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelli Case – has submitted her paperwork and is running for Treasurer and encouraged folks to attend the Republican Party's Lincoln Day dinner on 5/18/2024.

April Taggart and Geneva Woodmansee have submitted their paperwork and are running for Trustee Positions.

Jake Ypma – Is concerned about the stance some are taking against Solar Energy. Asked folks to consider the future and the planet from using fossil fuels

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Jana Bishop, Clerk

Date