

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Pyma, Guest Deputy Clerk Gary Platte

ABSENT: Clerk Jana Bishop

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laura Randall requested to have a reconciliation of the Hickory Hills special assessment project added to the agenda.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on April 9, 2024 were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by A. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund:	\$768,506.26
Receipts:	\$ 43,494.00
Disbursement/Bills:	\$ 93,296.22
Balance:	\$718,704.04

Money Market – March 2024

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$342.12	\$108,950.65
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$167.40	\$ 52,984.46
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.73	\$ 64,580.81

Money Market – April 2024

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$404.84	\$109,355.49
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$179.51	\$ 53,163.97
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.65	\$ 64,583.46

Treasurer VanSyckle presented the 2024 Tax Rate Request form (L-4029) for approval with an operating millage of .8351 and Library millage of .2927. Moved by M. VanSyckle to accept millage rates, supported by A. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer VanSyckle reported a discrepancy nearly \$100 in taxes. M. VanSyckle moved to write a check to the county for discrepancy including \$12 in late fees/interest. Supported by J. Ypma. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer VanSyckle reported that a check from one tax payer was not received. The reason is unclear. HighPoint Bank placed a stop payment and refunded the funds to the tax payer. M. VanSyckle requested to have all fees waived. Moved by J. Ypma to waive late fees, supported by A. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Deputy Clerk G. Platte provided an update.

Shelly Lake has accepted the settlement on her FOIA lawsuit for \$1,600.00. We are still waiting to see what the costs to the township will be.

Following is the slate for Baltimore Township Board primary elections:

Supervisor: Chad VanSyckle and Darrel Slaughter

Clerk: Jana Bishop

Treasurer: Kelli Case

Trustees: Aaron VanSyckle, April Taggart, Genieva Woodmansee and Suzanne Kidder

Election Inspector Training is being held June 17 and 19 for those not certified.

J. Bishop will be attending Clerk Training June 17th and 18th with the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Discussed the recommendation from MTA regarding 1099 vs. Employees. We will need to change the township cleaning person, election inspectors and Board of Review member to employees.

BS&A will be moving the taxing, assessing and special assessments upgrade to the cloud on August 19th. A couple of updates will need to be completed before that date.

Discussion about Dowling Cemetery expansion. The board asked the clerk to obtain a quote for the additional work associated with the expansion as well as a quote to purchase markers and present those quotes to the board. The board recommended that the clerk review the contract regarding the plot duties. The board suggested that the sexton provide flags for Memorial Weekend and bill the township.

APPROVE WARRANTS: J. Ypma moved to pay the bills as presented and supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor VanSyckle discussed the security of the cemetery building. He checked it out and determined there is nothing of value in the building. Supervisor VanSyckle moved to not secure the cemetery building, J. Ypma supported. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion about the reconciliation and disbursement of receipts for the Hickory Hills special assessment project.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. VanSyckle discussed the recommendation regarding the installation of lock boxes for the fire department. A. VanSyckle moved that he discuss with appropriate township businesses about the installation of lock boxes, supported by J. Ypma. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner B. Campbell provided an update on Barry Commission activities including the hiring process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

April Taggart is working on the Dar Leaf reelection campaign and encouraged voters to attend a Township candidate meet and greet on 6/22/24. Another candidate meet and greet event, including State Rep candidates is scheduled for 7/11/24. She also mentioned the Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner on Saturday.

Kelli Case asked that all solar petitions be turned in by the weekend. All petitions are due to the state by 5/29. She also mentioned a Revolutionary War Vet dedication event at Quaker Cemetery in Maple Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.