

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 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: Tim Wymer commented on the new Marijuana Act 2016. The board heard from Clear Lake resident regarding flooding to his homestead located at 9600 Banfield Rd.

GUESTS: County Drain Commissioner, Jim Dull. Dan Fredricks, Land & Resources Representative. Catherine Kaufman & Seth Koches, Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman PC Attorney. Laura Genovich, Foster, Swift PC Attorney.

The board heard presentations from the above guests.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the April 11, 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 J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks # 11238-11257 in the amount of \$11,789.14. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADOPT NON-SUFFICIENT FUND’S POLICY – Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve the policy as provided. All ayes. Motion carried.

MARIJUANA GROWER REQUESTS – the board discussed the request and tabled further discussion until the next regular board meeting. The board plans to attend a learning forum addressing the new Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act on June 7th to be held at the Barry County Central Dispatch Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

RETAIN ATTORNEY – Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, to retain Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, as the township’s attorney. All ayes. Motion carried. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle to authorize the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, as the township’s attorney contact designees.

CLEAR LAKE PETITION- Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to petition Clear Lake. All ayes. Motion carried.

DUST CONTROL – Dust Control Coordinator, Jake Ypma, reported that the 1st application will be May 10th.

CLERK’S REPORT – Clerk Ypma reported that the County Clerk along with the Township Clerks approved new voting equipment. Providing all goes well, the new equipment will be launched at the May 2018 election. Clerk Ypma will present a 10-year maintenance contract at our next regular board meeting for approval.

It has been confirmed that there will be an August election, which will be in conflict with our regular August board meeting. The August 8th regular board meeting has been rescheduled for August 10th.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Absent - Commissioner Heather Wing.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Willison commented on scraping of our gravel roads. Brad Greenfield commented on the Hastings school millage.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date