

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2018

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: Linda Mellen announced that she would be tape recording the meeting.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the February 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes, March 8, 2018 Budget Planning Meeting minutes and March 11, 2018 Special Board Meeting minutes were approved. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by P. Ypma, to approve payment for checks # _____ in the amount of \$. No discussion. of bills less the payment Checks # _____
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE – Clerk Ypma reported that the township website is required to be ADA compliant. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. Altoft, to hire Rob Leos to update the website to meet the requirements of the American Disability Act. All ayes. Motion carried.

OPINION FROM TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY REGARDING ATTORNEY STORR’S LETTER: Trustee Ypma reported that the clerk and he met with our township attorney regarding the letter presented from attorney Steven Storrs. Discussion took place and all board members received a copy of the letter and our attorney’s opinion regarding attorney Storrs letter and attachments.

AMEND THE MARIJUANA FACILITY ORDINANCE: An opinion from our township attorney was presented regarding amending our ordinance. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by J. Ypma, to amend the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Ypma will follow up with publications as required by law.

BIRCH FIRE DEPARTMENT: the board had discussions on how much the township could afford to help pay in addition to our annual fee for new equipment. The board is not in favor of signing any long-term contract regarding commitment to additional payment beyond our annual fees. The board will look at finances each year at budget time to determine how much is affordable.

DOWLING CEMETERY GRAVEL: Supervisor VanSyckle will contact Baker Excavating to place gravel in the cemetery driveway.

END-OF-YEAR PAYMENTS: the board approved for the clerk and treasurer to pay all end-of-year bills before April 1, 2018.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported on the Mud Bog. Citations were given.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported working with Sue Roush to estimate how many cemetery spaces were available at Dowling Cemetery. It is estimated that there are approximately 110 available and approximately 80 in the reclaimed area.

DUST CONTROL REPORT: Dust Control Coordinator, Jake Ypma, reported that dust control application letters were being sent out this week. The total per foot will be 38 cents. This is an increase of 3 cents. The township has not had to raise the cost in over 15 years.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date