

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 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 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the September 11, 2018 minutes were approved. Moved by C. VanSyckle, 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 C. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks # 11683-11704 in the amount of \$9,180.78. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMISH BUGGY SIGNS: Trustee Ypma presented to the board a copy of the letter written to the Barry County Road Commission requesting signs. The road commission approved signs and plan to order and install this fall.

LOWER SPEED LIMIT NEAR AMISH SCHOOL: Trustee Ypma presented an update.

“EMILY” FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) UPDATE: Clerk Ypma updated the board reporting that 2 emails have been sent with no response from “Emily.” The FOIA law states the case shall remain open for 1-year from the requested date. Clerk Ypma has taken no further action.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWNSHIP-WIDE DUST CONTROL 2019 – Trustee Ypma reported on using the restricted medical marihuana application fees collected in 2018 to provide dust control to all our roads within the township next year. The board tabled discussion until the November regular board meeting.

BOARD OF REVIEW AUDIT – Supervisor VanSyckle read the audit report. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle to waive interest and penalty for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit. All ayes. Motion carried.

POVERTY GUIDELINES – Supervisor VanSyckle read the corrective action plan from the recent audit conducted by the AMAR after the March Board of Review. The township has a poverty exemption guideline policy, but needs to develop an asset level test to be used for poverty exemption starting with the 2019 assessment roll. The township needs to develop written procedures including audit procedures for determining how to grant real poverty exemptions when the property no longer qualifies for the exemption. The board tabled until the November regular board meeting, giving the supervisor more time to research information to present to the board next month.

BIRCH UPDATE – Supervisor VanSyckle reported the outcome of the BIRCH Fire meeting in September. Discussion took place with a decision to look into other options in providing fire service to our constituents. Tabled any decision until the next regular board meeting in November. Supervisor VanSyckle will report on updates from Johnstown Fire Department.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA UPDATE: Coordinator A. VanSyckle presented the board with a letter from Shawn Benner’s attorney Steven Storrs requesting a change in names on the application for a grower and processor license. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to amend the applications and change the applicant to Kenai Red Group, LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date