

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Penelope Ypma Trustee Jake Ypma. ABSENT: Mike Altoft.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GUESTS: Kathy Sheldon (CPA from Walker, Fluke & Sheldon) reported on township audit. The township was given a “clean” audit. Shawn Benner reported on the provisioning center. Shawn reported that a closing on the Dowling Store should happen soon.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the August 14, 2018 minutes were approved. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, to approve payment for checks #11662-11682 in the amount of \$10,505.81. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMISH BUGGY SIGNS: Trustee Ypma presented an update and recommendation to the Barry County Road Commission. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle to purchase (8) eight buggy signs with placements at the recommended sites as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS NEAR AMISH SCHOOLS: Trustee Ypma will present a report at the October Regular Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET –Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by P. Ypma, to approve Walker, Fluke & Sheldon to submit the 2017-18 audit to the State of Michigan. All ayes. Motion carried.

BIRCH FIRE DEPT. -- Supervisor VanSyckle read a letter from the BIRCH Chairperson, reporting a meeting to discuss the fire department’s budget. Meeting is scheduled on September 16, 2018, at 6:30, at Hastings Charter Township hall.

CLERK’S REPORT –Clerk Ypma reported on receiving a state-wide FOIA request from an unannounced requestor known as “Emily” requesting copies of all voted ballots from the 2016 Presidential Election. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to appoint each department head as their own FOIA Coordinator. If the coordinator spends more than (1) one hour on the request, the coordinator shall be paid \$13 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Commissioner Heather Wing was absent.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Willison voiced her opinion against fulfilling the recent state-wide FOIA request. Richard VanSyckle reported that Bob Goldsworthy requested more street lighting to extend from the Dowling Church to the post office.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date