

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2020

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: Resident complained about the burned out building in Dowling on east side of road. Julie and Wayne Rose spoke in regard to the smells, traffic, and watershed concerns for the growing of marijuana. Michelle Skedgell spoke in regard to the grow operations in the township with similar concerns. Joseph Kujala spoke of concern regarding the grow operations in the township.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Scott Anderson presented a report.

MARIJUANA COORDINATOR REPORT: Aaron VanSyckle presented a report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Update on Mixer Rd. approach. Reported that he received a call regarding a mud bog on Bird Rd. Supervisor reported that he called the police and a ticket was issued.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the September 8 & 13 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.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported hiring two election inspectors. The election commission approved by resolution to add an absentee counting board. Clerk Ypma is requesting the purchase of an additional absentee counting tabulator in the amount of \$5,295.00.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. Altoft, to approve payment for checks #12301-12326 in the amount of \$10,150.33. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMEND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. Altoft, to approve the amended ordinance prepared by the township attorney. Discussion took place and trustee Ypma spoke about the plan that the township has had in place to avoid asking for a millage to fund our road budget and fire budget. Ypma suggested that the board do some research before voting. Supervisor VanSyckle rescinded his motion. Motion failed. The board tabled a decision to research the issues presented by the public until our November Regular Board Meeting. Treasurer VanSyckle suggested that the board consider hiring another marijuana coordinator to help Aaron VanSyckle.

AMEND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to table a decision until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

TABULATOR PURCHASE: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to purchase from Diminion Voting a tabulator in the amount of \$5,295.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to have the township attorney combine all the amendments to the medical ordinance into one ordinance. All ayes Motion carried.

APPROVE ASSESSOR'S CONTRACT: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to approve the contract presented by Scott Anderson. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: J. Kujala would like to see the township website updated monthly. Request to add monthly agenda to website.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date