

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 8, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Mike Altoft, Trustee Jake Ypma. 8 guests.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chuck Jordon stated that he doesn't like that 3 family members could potentially be on the board after the November Election. Chuck asked the board if there was any law preventing this from happening. Gene Willison questioned the bill being paid to IT RIGHT.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the July 14, 2020 and August 11, 2020 minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read. Request to approve the millage tax rate, form L-4029, with no changes from 2019.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Two new election inspectors were hired for the November Election, Jayne Sherwood and Wayne Rose. Thank you to Mike Altoft for trimming the brush at the end of the driveway. Clerk Ypma reported that the August 4, 2020 election ran smoothly, balanced, and no issues with the Board of Canvassers. Clerk Ypma applied for a grant to receive another tabulator for absentee voting. If granted, plans are to form an absentee counting board for future elections. The clerk will keep the board informed. A new ballot box was securely installed outside the office door.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he is working with the road commission on adding an approach to the end of Mixer Rd. and M-37. He is waiting on the cost.

**MARIJUANA COORDINATOR REPORT:** Aaron VanSyckle reported that Jody Harwell has requested a refund for the purchase of his medical marijuana license. Josh Smallwood's letter was presented to become an "excess grower." The board appointed Clerk Ypma to call the township's attorney for advice.

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by P. Ypma, to approve payment for checks #12280-12300 in the amount of \$11,957.44. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LICENSE REFUND:** Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to deny a refund to Jody Harwell (medical marijuana license purchased Feb. 5, 2020). All ayes. Motion carried.

**NOISE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT POLICY:** The board discussed how to enforce the noise ordinance adopted on September 10, 2019. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. Altoft, to

adopt the following policy: 1) after receiving a complaint from a resident, supervisor will investigate and issue a reminder or a warning if necessary. 2) if there is a second complaint within 6 months, the supervisor will notify the sheriff's department for them to investigate, measure noise, and perhaps issue a ticket.

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. VanSyckle – YES C. VanSyckle – YES P. Ypma - YES  
M. Altoft – YES J. Ypma – YES Motion carried.

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

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sue Willison stated that perhaps the board could come up with a refund to the medical marijuana grower that would satisfy everyone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

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Date

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Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

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Date