

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 10, 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:** None

**GUESTS:** Jim Dull, Drain Commissioner presented a report on Clear Lake Project. The amount that the township will pay is \$26,489.35. First payment due December 2021. The township has the option to pay in full.

Kathy Sheldon, CPA, Walker, Fluke and Sheldon, presented the 2019-20 audit. Kathy reported that the township has a balance amount of \$2,345 in a restricted dust control fund.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the October 13, 2020 minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, seconded by P. Ypma. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** Moved by P. Ypma, seconded by M. Altoft, to approve payment for checks #12327-12359 in the amount of \$14,321.13. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** Clerk Ypma reported that the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election Day went smoothly. Election Inspectors were able to close the absentee counting and regular in-person precinct without issues. Clerk Ypma read a resignation letter from Gordon and Sue Roush as of January 1, 2021. Our township attorney advised us to hold off on combining the medical marihuana ordinance into one until the State decides if medical marihuana will become one law under recreational.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ORDINANCE UPDATE:** At this time Supervisor VanSyckle turned the meeting over to Trustee Ypma. Trustee Ypma reported on research regarding the issues that were presented by the public at our October 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. After explaining the research, the board opened a question and answer session to the public. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to amend the recreational marihuana ordinance as presented by the township’s attorney Catherine Kaufman. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET APPROVAL:** the township received a “clean” audit. Therefore, the board approved the budget as presented.

**AMEND BUDGET:** Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to amend the 20-21 budget as follows: Elections: Move \$14,000 from the general fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MARIHUANA COORDINATOR POSITION:** At the October 13, 2020 regular board meeting, Treasurer VanSyckle reported that Aaron VanSyckle, Marihuana Coordinator, may need some extra help in keeping up with the work load. The board decided not to hire another coordinator. It was reported by Trustee Ypma that two people doing the job would only create confusion.

**CLEAR LAKE PROJECT COST:** Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle to pay the Barry County Drain Commission yearly installments of \$2,690.00 with interest in the amount of \$630 over 10-years. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Motion carried.

CEMETERY SEXTON: The board will advertise in the local newspaper for cemetery sexton. Clerk Ypma will write and publish the ad. The board will hold a special meeting on December 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM to review bids.

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

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:** Trustee Ypma thanked Mike Altoft for his 4-years of dedicated time and service to the township as Trustee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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