

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2021

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Ypma stated that the Pledge of Allegiance recitation ends with “liberty and justice for all.” Perhaps after 400 years of that NOT being the case, that we all will get justice in the United States, not just us white people.

MINUTES: With one typo correction, the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by A. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks #12476-12491 in the amount of \$ 9545.27. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk’s Non-Statutory Duties: Clerk Ypma announced that she will not be finishing the 4-year term as township clerk. Due to that reason, Clerk Ypma doesn’t feel it is fair to the next clerk to continue with the non-statutory duties that have been performed by the current clerk without some sort of compensation or that the duties be divided amongst the entire board. Clerk Ypma presented the board with a list of 14 items. The board agreed to divide the duties and Clerk Ypma will present the list at the next board meeting with who is responsible for each task.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer’s Market – Treasurer VanSyckle asked that the board waive vendor fees for the month of May to see if more vendors will participate. Treasurer VanSyckle also stated that there was a request to have a flea market held at the township hall. The board declined the request.

Treasurer VanSyckle requested that the grass nearest the road in front of the township be mowed. This part of the property is part of the pheasant plantation. It was suggested that we contact Mark Bishop who oversees the habitat for pheasants around the township hall. Shawn Benner suggested that he will talk with Mark and report back to the board.

Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the next BIRCH meeting is on May 20th, at 6 PM, at the Hastings Charter Township Hall. Jim Brown, president of the BIRCH board announced that he is stepping down from this position. Supervisor VanSyckle indicated that he is interested in filling the vacancy.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Commissioner Bruce Campbell presented a report.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date