

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Supervisor VanSyckle

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the July 13, 2021 minutes were approved. Moved by Jake Ypma, support by Melissa VanSyckle. Motion carried. All Ayes.

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

CLERK'S REPORT: None

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by Melissa VanSyckle, support by Aaron VanSyckle to APPROVE payment for checks #12531 – 12554 in the amount of \$10,414.32. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Jake Ypma talked about a proposal to expand Dowling cemetery and the expense vs. benefit to the community. This subject was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor VanSyckle reported after attending a meeting on the Birch Board. Going forward, Mercy Ambulance is asking for the townships they service, to contribute funds (amount based on calls for the township) to provide service. They anticipate expenses for medical equipment and services to increase significantly. For more information, Commissioner Bruce Campbell informed the board that Jim Brown had done a presentation at the commissioner's meeting on 8/10/21 and this could be reviewed by the board members on the internet.

Jake Ypma reported that ARPA funds are available to our township and that the board should get the forms submitted in order to get the funding being offered. Melissa offered to look into the ARPA information provided. Jake suggested Melissa ask Penny for assistance and explained that Chad would need to sign the

forms. Commissioner Bruce Campbell reported to the board that the county was looking into ARPA funds and that special group had been formed to advise the townships as to what funds they can get and suggest how to use them.

Jake Ypma reported a resident had complained about the Stryker cemetery sign being in rough shape. Jake looked at the sign and felt it was in good shape and didn't need any updating.

Aaron VanSyckle reported to the board that there are more complaints about squatters at houses across from Goldsworthy's, items being stolen, etc. Zoning and Sheriff have been notified.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Bruce Campbell gave report on county business. Appointments to boards and a public appeal for interested persons to apply to several boards needing appointments.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Marie Calderon reports that Dowling church would be hosting a 6 week course on Constitutional rights starting Sept 9 at 6pm.

Drain Commissioner Jim Dull mentioned that the ARPA funds can be spent on storm and drain water drainage.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor	Date

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Kelly R. Dull, Office assistant	Date

