

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Office assistant Kelly Dull. **Absent:** Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Jake Ypma.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Supervisor VanSyckle

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laura Kingma from the Dowling library presented the budget report. The budget of \$74,494 covering 4/1/2022-3/31/2023 was reviewed. Laura explained a new director was hired and they are open more. A motion was made by Chad Van Syckle and supported by Aaron VanSyckle to approve. Roll call vote was recited to approve the library budget. C. VanSyckle – YES, A. VanSycke – YES, and M. VanSyckle – YES.

Jack Ward from Barry County Zoning code enforcement presented a 2021 report for the township. 18 complaints were addressed by his office. Questions to him about the certain properties in the township with 4H animals and the “Right To Farm Act” were discussed.

Jack also requested a representative from the board to sit in on meetings for the county wide master plan. Melissa VanSyckle volunteered to be our representative.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the January 11, 2022 minutes were approved. Moved by Aaron VanSyckle, support by Chad 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 Chad VanSyckle to APPROVE payment for checks #12661 – 12677 in the amount of \$62,572.06 No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: An example sound system was reviewed. Other examples discussed and a roll call vote was performed to approve an expenditure up to \$500 for a system to be used for meetings. C. VanSyckle – YES, A. VanSyckle – YES, and M. VanSyckle – YES.

ARPA money was brought up for discussion. Nothing new was discussed to spend the money on. Melissa reviewed updated examples published in the Township focus. Melissa also reminded the board that Penelope would like some of the money for election workers that are eligible. More ideas are needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Shawn Benner will be selling the Lumberjack Dispensary (Marijuana Store).

Gene Willison wondered if others in the community received a letter from Pierce Cedar Creek Institute and if it's something that should be thrown out.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Bruce Campbell gave report on county business. Reminded township that the county can receive applications for ARPA monies to be spent on township projects and that none had been spent in his district.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Kingma stated that the lumberman (Shawn Benner) had been a good neighbor.

Shawn Benner is going to donate \$2000.00 to the library and prepared a check on the spot to donate to Laura. The board thanked Shawn for his contribution to the library.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor	Date
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Kelly R. Dull, Office assistant

Date