

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 8, 2022**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Ypma.  
Several Constituents were present. News Reporter from *The Banner*; Greg Chandler.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the Feb 8, 2022, Feb 24, 2022 Special Meeting, March 4, 2022 Budget Planning minutes were approved. Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by P. Ypma. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** Prior to approving the bills presented, treasurer VanSyckle and trustee VanSyckle announced that they would donate the sound system to the township and to void the reimbursement check #12699 in the amount of \$292.02. Trustee Ypma asked if that also meant that the credit card policy dated March 12, 2019, would be followed. It was reported by all VanSyckle’s “YES.” Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by A. VanSyckle to approve payment for checks #12680-12698 & 12700-12703 in the amount of \$9,652.84. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ARPA Funds: the board discussed the following possibilities for allowable expenditures of the funds received. 1) Street Lighting 2) Hall Lighting 3) Donate to Barry County Road Commission 4) Dowling Cemetery Excavating 5) Bonus Pay to Front Line Workers/Election Inspectors.

Donate to Barry County Road Commission: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle to donate an additional \$20,000 to the Barry County Road Commission from the 2022-23 budget. Roll call vote: All Yes. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors: Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to give the Election Inspectors \$13 per hour for hours worked beginning March 1, 2020 during the COVID pandemic. Roll call vote: All Yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hall Rental Coordinator: Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by C. VanSyckle, to approve Mike Altoft to handle hall rentals during the time Brenda Altoft is on vacation. All ayes. Motion carried.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Treasurer VanSyckle reported on the Barry County Steering Committee meeting, which she attended.

**CLERK’S REPORT** –discussion regarding number of lots available at the Dowling Cemetery. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to hire Sue Roush at \$18 per hour to reconcile the cemetery lots with Clerk Ypma and trainee clerk, Kelly Dull. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sue Willison expressed concern for adding more lighting to Dowling intersection area. She commented that would mean more monthly street lighting expenses for the township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 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