

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on February 14, 2023 were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma . All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Report provided. No discussion. Approved as read. Treasurer VanSyckle reported on buying a lock box for petty cash. The board approved the purchase.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma presented an audit engagement letter to hire Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon, for the 2022-23 audit year. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks #12974-13070 in the amount of \$71773.67. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARPA FUNDS: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he is waiting on bids for a pavilion.

OFFICE MONITOR: Treasurer VanSyckle reported on the purchase of a monitor to be placed in the office area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Excel Propane Rep. Joe Stewart presented a quote on propane. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by A. VanSyckle, to cancel service with Crystal Flash. All Ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer VanSyckle will contact Crystal Flash.

Marijuana Revenue – A. VanSyckle reported the township received \$51,841.21 in revenue from the State of MI.

HICKORY HILL SUBDIVISION – Supervisor VanSyckle presented the bid for road improvement.

LIBRARY BUDGET – Laura Kingma, Dowling Library President, presented the 2022-23 library budget. Moved by P. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to approve the library budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT – Andy Jerue presented an update on “happenings” at the library.

BIRCH MEETING – Supervisor VanSyckle reported that the fire department wants to change the billing process, which would increase the townships cost \$10-15,000. The board will discuss a possible fire mileage after budget planning is completed for the 2023-24 year.

YEAREND BILLS – Moved by P. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to have the clerk and treasurer pay all year end bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Bruce Campbell provided a report.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Case questioned solar panels being placed within the township. Rachel Frantz, County Recycling Coordinator, presented a report.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date