

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2022

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on October 11, 2022 were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported on the November 8, 2022 Election. There were no issues on Election Day and closing of the polls went well. Clerk Ypma addressed the passing of Proposal 2 allowing for 9-days of voting in all major elections, plus Election Day. This is something that we will address in budgeting for the 2023-24 budget year, as it will add cost to our election line item.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks #12904-12933 in the amount of \$12,677.54. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dowling Cemetery Driveway – Clerk Ypma reported that Josh Wickham, Cemetery Sexton, recommends a new driveway. A bid of \$14,500 was presented from Wickham CemeteryCare, LLC. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle, to approve Wickham CemeteryCare to do the driveway in the spring of 2023 in the amount of \$14,500. Roll Call Vote: All YES Motion carried. (To be funded with ARPA).

Dowling Cemetery Foundation Work – Clerk Ypma read a letter prepared by Josh Wickham regarding the need for several foundation repairs. The board tabled discussion until Spring of 2023.

Treasurer BS&A assessment software – Treasurer VanSyckle presented a quote to install assessment software in the amount of \$2,355. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by J. Ypma, to purchase the assessment software from BS&A in the amount of \$2,355. (ARPA Funds). Roll call vote: All Yes. Motion carried.

BIRCH Fire Department – Supervisor VanSyckle presented a 5-year contract. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to accept a 3-year contract. All ayes. Motion Carried. (Supervisor VanSyckle will present the offer of 3-years vs. 5-years).

Board Of Review Audit – Clerk Ypma presented each board member with a list of items that will be part of the March 2023 AMAR audit by the State of MI. Supervisor VanSyckle will prepare what is needed and bring to the board for approval.

Dust Control 2023 – Trustee Ypma presented an updated report from Jake Welch, Barry County Road Commission. Concerns were addressed as to if the township received 2 or 3 applications of dust control this past summer. The road commission did not think so. Therefore, the township should have a credit for one application. Trustee Ypma will continue to work with the road commission and give updates to the board.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Bruce Campbell absent.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date