

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 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: Fire Chief Mark Jordon spoke to the board regarding some changes that he is making and the need for more funding. Chief Jordon asked the board to consider pledging \$23,006 to help cover the cost of new equipment. Chief Jordon reported that the fire department will now hire fire fighters from anywhere in the county.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on July 11, 2023, were approved. Moved by C. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried. No August meeting was held due to Election Day on the second Tuesday of the month.

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

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Ypma reported that Baltimore Township will consolidate with Assyria Township and Maple Grove Township for all upcoming early voting 2024. Baltimore Township will host the other 2 townships.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks #13163-13213 in the amount of \$64,459.68. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PAVILLION – Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by P. Ypma, to take no further action in building a pavilion at the township. All ayes. Motion carried.

FOUNDATION WORK AT DOWLING CEMETERY – Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he has not heard from cemetery sexton, Josh Wickham regarding cemetery work.

NEW BUSINESS:

BIRCH EQUIPMENT - Moved by J. Ypma, supported by P. Ypma, to allocate funds for new equipment to the BIRCH Fire Department in the amount of \$23,006. Part of the funds will come from a grant to the township in the amount of \$10,000. Roll Call Vote: All yes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Bruce Campbell presented a report.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Case spoke against solar farms and asked the township to begin an ordinance to stop solar farms from coming into the township. Stephanie Stanton spoke against solar fields. Geneieve Woodmansee spoke against solar farms. Kelly Lenz spoke against solar fields. Tish Gorr spoke against solar farms. Gary White spoke against solar farms.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Penelope J. Ypma, Clerk

Date