

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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 January 9, 2024 were approved. Moved by M. VanSyckle, supported by C. VanSyckle. All approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Budget Development meeting set for March 15, 2024, at 9:00am
Budget Approval meeting set for March 28, 2024, at 9:00am

General Fund:	\$555,509.67
Receipts:	\$ 27,944.36
Disbursement/Bills	\$ 19,961.45
Balance	\$563,492.58

Money Market – January 2024

	Interest	Total
10 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$390.59	\$108,217.14
6 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$177.97	\$ 52,638.72
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.73	\$ 64,575.52
9 month CD @ HCB		\$100,000.00

No discussion - Treasurers Report was approve – Moved by C. VanSyckle and seconded by M. VanSyckle. All Ayes

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Bishop and Deputy G. Platte have both taken training on FOIA. It is imperative that we develop a policy as well as assign a FOIA coordinator. Early Voting begins February 17th. Baltimore Twp is a host site. Maple Grove and Assyria will both be helping to staff the site.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Moved C. VanSyckle and supported by A. VanSyckle, to approve payment for checks #13315-13343 in the amount of \$25,060.48. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Ordinance – See Special meeting minutes. No further discussion.

Attendance Policy – discussion about paying trustees a per diem for meetings they attend. They will be paid for meetings they attend. The board will review this at the budget development meeting. If approved it would not take effect until the next term begins.

Fire Department Issues – Birch is considering turning fire coverage over to City of Hastings. Discussed options of Johnstown covering some of the township. Need to consider costs and response time. C. VanSyckle announced the next Birch meeting will be held Feb 22nd at 6pm at the fire barn. Payment will be made in March to BIRCH pending the results of the Feb 22nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Adams – Requested the Board consider lowering license fees. Also requested that the board prorate the amount for the newest license he is requesting so that all his licenses come due at the same time in the future. 7 months at \$2,912.00. C. VanSyckle made a motion to approve the proration, A. VanSyckle supported. All approved.

Josh Smallwood – will be requesting the final license for Baltimore Township bringing his total licenses to 11.

FOIA – J. Bishop stressed based on the training received that Baltimore Twp must have a FOIA policy to post on the website. Also we need to have one FOIA coordinator for the township. J. Bishop will work on the policy and volunteered to be the coordinator. M. VanSyckle suggested the township already had a policy, J. Bishop said she would look into it.

Facebook Page – the board discussed that it would be beneficial to have a Baltimore Township Facebook page where township updates can be posted. The Clerk and the Treasurer would be the page administrators. C. Vansyckle made a motion to create a FB Page with the administrators as propose, M. VanSyckle supported. All Approved.

The Board of Review will be attending mandatory training in Kalamazoo on February 28th. BOR dates as provided by Assessor S. Anderson is being posted as required by law both in The Banner and on our board. It was recommended that the BOR use the Federal Poverty Standard Exemption in determining assessments. C. VanSyckle moved, supported by M. VanSyckle. All Approved.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Bruce Campbell did not attend this meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geneiva Woodmansee thanked Clerk Bishop for attending the county solar meeting Richard VanSyckle suggested we consider mutual aid

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Jana Bishop, Clerk

Date