

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board of Trustees was held in the Historic Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302. Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY WILCOX – SUPERVISOR
SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK – CLERK
TAMMI WINGEIER – TREASURER
ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: PHIL DOUGHERTY – FIRE CHIEF
JOSH MANNARD – INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES
TOM BENEDICT – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
JANET VANWYCK – HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE
MANDY BOLTER – KENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5
THOMAS ALBERT – STATE REPRESENTATIVE 86TH DISTRICT
SUE VANDERLAAN
PETE BENCKER
TIM & TYLER METTERNICK
ERIN & BRECKON PAWLOSKI

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Flynn and supported by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$238,331.18
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 48,846.76
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$131,981.49
FIRE FUND CASH	\$ 91,792.25
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$182,978.23
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,043.79
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$265,789.07
SEWER FUND CASH	\$149,323.79
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 72,786.97
SEWER BOND REDEMPTION FUND	\$ 15,404.60
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$ 29,318.67

Motion by Trustee Flynn to accept the treasurer's report as printed, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the monthly bills due & payable for November 2017 be allowed and paid, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #10967-11014	\$ 51,203.99
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6133-6155	\$ 41,673.40
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2561-2564	\$ 10,490.76

UPDATE-COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Bolter spoke to the Board to bring them up to date on what is happening at the County Level – Interviewing continues to replace retiring Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio and a decision should be made within the 1st quarter of 2018. Lead paint issues in GR are as high as on the eastern side of the State. Progress on a new Juvenile Center is still in the planning & financing process. The building at 82 Ionia has not been sold.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Dougherty reported 26 calls for the last month. The new air packs are here and the department members are taking part in the required training . The new truck is here and is out getting up-fitted.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Their report stated 19 incident calls in October. Special events and training – assisted Thornapple Township Emergency Services with Fire Prevention Program/ Firefighter Training-Fire Ground Operations and Ability Test. Medical Training – Airways.

P.C.I. OF MI REPORT: 3 Permits - \$57,000.00 Valuation.

Mike Kittlaus-12020 100th Street-Addition to Garage, Skyline Electric – 11591 Depot Street-Miscellaneous, Kyle Paalman-6416 Snow Avenue-Inground Pool.

MINUTES: DDA, HISTORICAL COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION.

SEWER REPORT:

Josh Mannard of Infrastructure Alternative reported on the plant being in full permit compliance for the month of October. Plans to remove the plugged pipe between ponds 4 & 5 has run into complications due to the recent freezing temperatures and will be slated for Spring and will include bio-solids removal, he will continue work on this and update us more in the coming weeks.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – 17.01-Drawing of cul-de-Sac:

Motion by Trustee Fuss and supported by Clerk Kowalczyk to approve the new drawing amending the design standards for private roads serving less than seven or more parcels. Ayes-Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays-None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #17.02 Tabled

ORDINANCE #17.03 –Re-zone certain properties in an amendment to the zoning map.

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the ordinance #17.03 be approved as recommended by the Planning Commission, supported by Trustee Fuss. Ayes – Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #03-2017 DELINQUENT SEWER CHARGE LIENS:

Motion by Trustee Flynn and supported by Trustee Fuss to authorize Treasurer Wingeier to certify any charges which have been delinquent six (6) months or more, plus penalties and interest accrued thereon, and plus an additional six percent (6%), to the Township Board which shall cause the same to be entered on the next tax roll and such delinquent charges shall be collected and said lien enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon the roll and the enforcement of the lien for taxes assessed and upon such roll. Ayes-Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays-None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #04-2017 FRONTAGE ON A STREET OR ROAD-Sec. 4.08 & Sec. 2.52:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier and supported by Trustee Flynn that given the passage of time and the existence of dwellings on two of the parcels; and the lack of a clear record as to the actual approved and recorded dimensions of road frontage and lot width for all four parcels which gain access from Mazurek Drive; and by the adoption of this Resolution the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance may be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done; the (4) parcels are found to be legally existing conforming parcels. Ayes – Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

2017-18 SNOW REMOVAL BID:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk and supported by Trustee Flynn to accept Bencker Construction's bid of \$4,500.00 for snow plowing this season of 2017-2018, any salting of parking lots will be billed separately. Motion carried.

KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM:

Board discussion and outcome was not to apply at this time, we did not have any project and we do not have any funds left in the County program.

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk to amend the 2016-2017 Financial Statement/Proposed Budget General Fund-Capital Investments was budgeted \$45,000, and we spent \$357,101.79 on addition to historic hall, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

86TH REPRESENTATIVE TOM ALBERT:

Rep. Albert spoke of activities at the Capitol, bills that are being worked on – Eliminating driver responsibility fees if passed the fees will end Oct. 1, 2018 and all outstanding debt will be forgiven, bills now go to the Senate for consideration. Next was increasing transparency in student borrowing, this bill will show students the amount borrowed and estimate their future monthly payments as well. Indiana University saw a drop of 23% in student borrowing within four years after enacting the program. Protecting children from the negative impact of Marijuana use. Foster Children's Bill of Rights policy includes 7 assurances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jan VanWyck reported on the historical commission's meeting in October that showed all the businesses in Alto from many years ago, though they advertised the event turnout was not what they had hoped. Their next event is the evening hours of Saturday, December 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the Live Nativity.

Sue VanderLaan asked if she was at the right meeting to find out why her property taxes are so high. Supervisor Wilcox responded that yes, she was at the wrong meeting, she will need to come to the Board of Review held in March.

David Fuss asked about sizes of accessory structures and if we were going to revise the current ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk
Bowne Township