

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: RICK VRIESENKA – FIRE CHIEF
SANDY GRAHAM – LIBRARIAN
BRIAN MORTIMORE – KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the July meeting be approved as printed, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$341,452.21
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 49,353.23
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,327.97
FIRE FUND CASH	\$118,988.81
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$186,190.62
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$204,893.27
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,078.44
SEWER FUND CASH	\$252,115.17
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 73,924.32
CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$202,583.70

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR AUGUST 2019:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the monthly bills be allowed and paid, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried. Checks listed from July 1 thru Sept. 11.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #11740-11842	\$100,000.83
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6736-6829	\$ 48,616.90
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2661-2669	\$ 39,615.69
CURRENT TAX FUND CHECKS #4439-4450	\$567,954.57

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Vriesenga reported 36 runs for the past month. For training the department will be doing a live burn at 12344 Cascade Road SE in September or October. Mike Dougherty and Jake Lotterman finished EMT school and are waiting to take the National Registry Test and are beginning Fire Academy the end of September, Ken Bailey is upgrading his license from Medical First Responder to EMT.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Yarger's report showed 13 incidents for the past month. Their average dispatch to arrival time is 7.38 minutes. Special events: Pancake Breakfast netted \$3,000 as did their Auction. They have added 2 new members to the department – Scot Brooks and Jacob Hansen.

P.C.I. OF MI INC. REPORT: 2ND QTR. April-June 13 permits issued – Construction Value \$1,509,783.00.

MINUTES: DDA (no mtg.), HISTORICAL COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION.

SEWER REPORT: Solenoids that control the backwash function for filter 5 was replaced. Berm repairs and grading of the excess fill from the pipe installation last fall. Power outage affected the plant and the lift station, the lift station generator supplied power for the duration of the power outage with no issues. However, the Aerators each had blown fuses and aerators 4NW and 4NE are no longer operational when they try to start them it immediately indicates a motor issue.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT:

Brian Mortimore head of Human Resources of the KDL gave board members the 2018 Impact Report and spoke briefly of the many services being used by the library participants. Sandy Graham –Alto Branch spoke regarding "Mobile Hot Spots" and their importance. Booster Packs for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders that address 5 skills, if the students are not reading at 3rd grade level by the end of the school year they are held back.

NEW RAILING FOR ENTRANCE OF HISTORIC HALL:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we approve the Bencker Construction Co. bid of \$3700 for materials and \$2500 for labor for the new railing on the new ADA approved ramp & entrance to the Historic Township Hall, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RESOLUTION OF DESIGNATION:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that September 20, 2019 be declared as a day for Resolution of Designation for those who suffered as prisoners of war or are still missing as a result of any conflict, supported by Trustee Fuss. Ayes – All. Nays-None. Motion carried.

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SPECIAL LICENSE FOR DAIRY DISCOVERY L.L.C. 9-17-2019 Beer/Wine sales from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we as the governing body of the Township of Bowne are of the opinion that the issuing of this license would not conflict with any local ordinance and hereby request the approval of the Kent County Sheriff's Office, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Representative Thomas Albert's "Coffee Break News" providing an overview of legislation and other important news from the Capital. Local mtgs. Aug. 30th Sweet Seasons Bakers & Café in Lowell, Cascade Bigby-2700 Kraft Avenue SE Ste. A., Grand Rapids.

911 KENT COUNTY DISPATCH AUTHORITY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT:

Bowne Township will be the location of one of the 22 channel 700/800 MHz towers/antenna system & will be the backbone for public safety communications in more than 70 counties in Michigan and has more than 90,000 radios connected to the system. Beginning August 26th the site at the Bowne Twp. Fire Station will be under construction.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Supervisor Wilcox reported that Derek Rosenberger of Consumers Energy will provide him the amount next week on converting our furnaces from LP Gas to Natural Gas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m., supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk