

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONDAY MARCH 20, 2017  
MINUTES**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**    **TAMMI WINGEIER – TREASURER**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**    **PHIL DOUGHERTY – FIRIE CHIEF**  
                                  **DONNA BOELEMA – DDA SECRETARY**  
                                  **JANET VANWYCK – HISTORICAL COMMISSION REP**  
                                  **KEN & WILL BOYD**

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as printed, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$491,922.29</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$48,846.76</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET</b>	<b>\$131,848.68</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 74,259.86</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$182,978.23</b>
	<b>FIRE BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$ 39,030.69</b>
	<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$229,880.45</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$104,687.21</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 72,786.97</b>
	<b>SEWER BOND REDEMPTION FUND</b>	<b>\$195,099.27</b>
	<b>CURRENT TAX FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$489,705.95</b>

Motion by Trustee Flynn to accept the Treasurer’s Report as printed, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2017:** Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the monthly bills be allowed and paid, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

<b>GENERAL FUND CHECKS #10633-10662</b>	<b>\$ 23,571.52</b>
<b>FIRE FUND CHECKS #5891-5936</b>	<b>\$ 27,141.96</b>
<b>SEWER FUND CHECKS #2516-2520</b>	<b>\$ 8,415.07</b>
<b>CURRENT TAX CHECKS #4174-4194</b>	<b>\$409,388.10</b>

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Dougherty reported 15 calls for the month. Two weeks ago they had 12 calls in the 24 hours – making 18 calls for that 7 day period. Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. they are hosting the “ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER:.

**PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MICHIGAN REPORT:** No report received.

**OLD BUSINESS:** CUB SCOUT PROJECT tabled from last month.

Ken Boyd along with son Will Boyd requested from the board a donation of \$300 1/3 of actual cost shared by Legion, Boy Scouts Pack 3180 to put electricity in the soldiers memorial so their pa system works on Memorial Day as well as having a light that shines upward to the flag. Motion by Trustee Flynn that we approve the request to pay \$300.00 towards the electrical costs of installing the light box with an outlet under the flag pole as their boy scout project, supported by Wilcox, Flynn & Fuss. Kowalczyk no.

**AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED BUDGET IN GENERAL FUND 2016/17:** Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Capital Investment \$45,000 amount proposed in the 2016-2017 be amended to read \$400,000.00 by using the Ren Zone funds, because we had to enlarge the polling precinct supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the budget be approved as printed, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**BOWNE CENTER CEMETERY LOT PRICE INCREASE:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we immediately increase the price per burial space from \$300 to \$500 for residents and \$2500 for persons that do not live in the township, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**GRAVESTONE SERVICES, INC:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn and supported by Trustee Fuss that we accept the bid from Gravestone Services of \$10,800 to clean, repair & treat 200 grave markers at the Bowne Center Cemetery in continuation of the work done in 2016. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:**

Josh Mannard reported that January was a very productive month. The plant was in permit compliance for the month of January. The control panel replacement process continues. The manufacturer is now working on the new control panel and Infrastructure will be notified when it is ready to be shipped. Concerns about the billing process were alleviated when he was told to send all the bills thru our office and we will take care of it.

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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT:** Janet VanWyck reported that the Tri-River Museum tour AKA "Spring Into The Past" will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Outlet at the schoolhouse does not work so she asked that we have that fixed, a new cabinet they purchased has a light in it. They need more room. And they would like to use the new precinct hall for a fashion show including old wedding dresses etc.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that there being no further business that the meeting adjourn at 7:36 p.m. supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk