

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Wilcox called the April meeting of the Bowne Township Board to order at 6:58 p.m. in the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: **TOM BENEDICT – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**
 JOSH MANNARD – INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES
 TOM ALBERT – STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 SANDY GRAHAM – LIBRARIAN
 JANET VANWYCK – HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

86TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

State Representative Tom Albert presented the board with several informational pamphlets as well as giving an update on certain bills being worked on like education, college , trade schools, FOIA bill has moved up to the Legislature.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Flynn and supported by Treasurer Wingeier that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:	GENERAL FUND CASH	\$666,148.47
	GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 48,846.76
	GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$131,865.48
	FIRE FUND CASH	\$189,737.73
	FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$182,978.23
	FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,032.35
	FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$297,495.49
	SEWER FUND CASH	\$ 98,062.84
	SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 72,786.97
	SEWER BOND REDEMPTION FUND	\$195,124.12
	CURRENT TAX FUND CASH	\$ 31.16

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2017:

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the monthly bills be allowed and paid, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #
FIRE FUND CHECKS #
SEWER FUND CHECKS #
CURRENT TAX FUND CHECKS #

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Trustee & Fireman Fuss delivered the fire department report. The department had 30 calls last month. A successful Pancake Supper serving 402 people on April 15th. The department has received an application from Mindy Klingensmith to join the department, she does not have any training.

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we accept Mindy Klingensmith on a 6 month probationary basis after the background & physical information and to attend various fire department duties, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT:

Josh Mannard of Infrastructure Alternatives presented the board with the monthly sewer report stating that the plan was in permit compliance for the month of March. The control panel replacement process continues. The panel came in on March 20th. The control panel replacement will begin on the 26th of this month. This extra time will allow for the pond level to be lowered in case any issues or delays occur during the replacement process. Aerator 2A1 will need to be pulled for service this spring. The aerator is no longer working at this time. This aerator has not been serviced since IAI took over operations. He will provide an estimate for repair once the aerator has been pulled and evaluated.

BOWNE MENNONITE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE 2017:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we approve \$3500 for the care and maintenance of the Bowne Mennonite Cemetery located at the corner of 76th & Pratt Lake, supported by Trustee Flynn: Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MTA CHAPTER will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Grand Rapids Township Hall, May 5, 2017 Breakfast will be provided at a cost of \$5.00 per person.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Representative Janet VanWyck requested that the plow be put in with the big tools for the outside display, Supervisor will address this. Also the small door on the North side of the carriage house has a hole in it so they would like that door replaced and then there is a varmit hole at the entrance to the handicap ramp that they have placed a board over. All items mentioned will be attended to.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Supervisor Wilcox reported on the Supervisors meeting he recently attended where the topic was agricultural regarding how valuable it is. There also was some discussion on the up-coming Kent Intermediate Schools District Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal .9 mill on each \$1,000 for a period of 9 years 2017-2026 and if approved would bring in \$19,931,466.00 the first year.

Clerk Kowalczyk reported that Kent County has chosen Dominion Election Equipment to replace the current tabulator & automark. The State funding will provide 1 precinct with an ICP Tabulator w/ballot box along with the ICX-BMD-A- Accessible Ballot Marking Device with required local initial costs of \$295.00 for an ICP External Wireless Cellular Modem, Annual Service/Maintenance begins at year 6 thru 10, 1st 5 years are included. It is necessary for the Board to pass a resolution to apply to the State of Michigan for a grant to purchase a new voting system which includes precinct tabulators, accessible voting devices and related election Management System Software. Please note that if we don't get the additional tabulator now for \$5,000 it would be almost double that amount in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Librarian Sandy Graham noted that she has a large dumpster at her home for the Boy Scout scrap metal drive and also questioned the violation of the Junk Ordinance at the former Auction House on Linfield. The violation has been turned over to the ordinance enforcement officier.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk