

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021 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, MI 49302. Supervisor Wilcox called the March meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**    **RICK VRIESENKA – FIRE CHIEF**  
                                  **LANI FORBES – FREEPORT FIRE DEPT. REP.**  
                                  **KELLY WINGEIER HASTINGS**  
                                  **JOHN SIMMONS**

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Trustee Flynn that the minutes of the February board meeting be approved as presented, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$135,006.63</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 50,096.11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET</b>	<b>\$132,523.61</b>
<b>FIRE FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 27,489.02</b>
<b>FIRE BUILDING FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 39,103.10</b>
<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 417.66</b>
<b>FIRE FUND-CARES ACT MONEY</b>	<b>\$ 89,717.70</b>
<b>SEWER FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$241,511.71</b>
<b>SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>\$ 75,629.22</b>
<b>CURRENT TAX FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$1,283,653.81</b>

Motion Clerk Kowalczyk that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR MARH 2021:**

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

<b>GENERAL FUND CHECKS #12540-12579</b>	<b>\$ 39,980.51</b>
<b>FIRE FUND CHECKS #7391-7421</b>	<b>\$ 11,405.40</b>
<b>SEWER FEW CHECKS #2768-2775</b>	<b>\$ 9,797.25</b>
<b>CURRENT TAX FUND CHECKS #4652-4661</b>	<b>\$369,929.51</b>

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**BOWNE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Vriesenga reported 26 runs for last month and that we have had 33 runs so far for this month Lot of grass fires and a couple of accidents. These are the current projects that he would like to do for the fire station – New Sign - \$7,908.90, Outside Fixtures - \$1,775.00, Water lines – 4,275.00 and Security Cameras - \$3,550.00.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we authorize the Fire Chief to do these upgrades at a total cost of \$17,508.00 using the Fire Building Fund money, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**FREERPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Representative Forbes reported 15 calls, also many grass fires. She reported the service hours of their department and acknowledged the anniversaries of two of their firemen. Their new fire truck chassis has been delayed until the end of May. Their board meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and they would like a member of our board to attend. They have received over \$300,000 in grant money.

**PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI LLC REPORT:** 3 Permits \$1,059,745.00 Construction Value  
Your Homes LLC-10910 100<sup>th</sup> Street-Single Family – Detached ,Sikkema Equipment – 6440 Alden  
Nash Avenue SE – Commercial New Building, Peter Denicola-7590 Timpson Avenue-Solar Power  
System.

**MINUTES/BUDGETS:** DDA -- Motion by Trustee Flynn that we accept the Financial Statement/Proposed Budget presented by the DDA to the Board, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried. **HISTORICAL COMMISSION BUDGET:** Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we accept the Historical Commission's budget for 2021-22 as presented, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**SEWER REPORT:** (no report received)

**POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION #2:**

**WHERE AS,** the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Bowne Township Board; and

WHERE AS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL211.7u); and

**WHERE AS,** pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year; items 1-9 along with federal poverty guidelines used in the determination of Federal Poverty Guidelines Use in the

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Determination of Poverty Exemptions 2021 1 person - \$12,880- to 8 person - \$44,600

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED;** that the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Bowne Township Board Member Wingeier and supported by Bowne Township Board Member Flynn. AYES: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays: None. The Bowne Township Clerk declared the resolution adopted-March 29, 2021.

**SUPERVISOR WAGE REPLACEMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we reinstate money in the amount of \$900.00 per year into the Supervisors wages previously taken to pay then Supervisor Chris Wenger's deputy, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. AYES: Fuss, Flynn, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. ABSTAINs: Wilcox. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR GENERAL, FIRE, SEWER FUNDS 2021-2022:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we review the budget at the next meeting and at that time will agree to levy the millage to support the budget, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC GATHERING LICENSE APPLICATION:**

Dairy Discovery/Annie Link applied for a Gathering Permit to host "Moo-ve Your Dairy Air" 5K-15K Event on May 8, 2021 beginning on farm ground going North to 76<sup>th</sup> Street and then South on Wingeier back to the farm with an approximate attendance around 300 people.

Motion by Trustee Flynn and supported by Treasurer Wingeier provided they provide us with a safety plan for their runners while they are on the Streets. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Treasurer Wingeier mentioned that she had moved the CARES ACT money that it is in a separate Fire Fund to a Cash Management Fund in order to earn 0.25 interest rate.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier the adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Clerk-Bowne Township

