

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 17, 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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY WILCOS – SUPERVISOR  
SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK – CLERK  
NANCY GREENFIELD – TREASURER  
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE

MEMBERS ABSENT: ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: RICK VRIESENKA – FIRE CHIEF  
JOSH MANNARD – INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES

MINUTES:

Motion made by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the regular meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$277,218.87
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 48,846.76
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,525.82
FIRE FUND CASH	\$134,890.23
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$182,978.23
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,103.75
FIRE FUND-CARES ACT FUND	\$ 89,717.70
SEWER FUND CASH	\$242,180.77
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 72,786.97
CURRENT TAX FUND CASH	\$ 48.35

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR MAY 2021:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the monthly bills due & payable be approved for payment, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #12612-12644	\$155,928.46
FIRE FUND CHECKS #7452-7477	\$ 20,832.33
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2778-2781	\$ 11,048.27

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Vriesenga reported 15 incidents in the last month and 3 of the incidents. They were at the scene several hours – semis crashed on the expressway and at the same time they were called to a major fire and were out for 10 hours. The indoor cameras have been replaced, new sign is ordered, hose inspections are done. Need to increase the insurance on the 31 radios we have as they are valued at \$6700.00 each. He has applied for a DNR 50/50 grant. Spaghetti Supper, they served 380 meals and donations were \$2800.00.

#### FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Yarger provided the April Report they had 19 incidents. They continue training in pump operations, emergency vehicle driving, SCBA's, rescue tools, Ventilation, Small Engines, Hand Tools and Medical Operations. No special events are currently planned.

PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT: 7 Permits - \$707,365.00 Construction Value. Anthony Bradley-12851 64<sup>th</sup> Street-Accessory Structure, Glen Tissue Builders Inc., 12403 72<sup>nd</sup> Street-Deck, Muston Construction-10500 Morse Lake Avenue=Single Family-Detached, Josh McConnon-10668 92<sup>nd</sup> Street-Accessory Structure, Montell Construction-10291 Timber Line Drive SE-Deck, Midwest Sign Company-6250 Bancroft-Sign.

MINUTES: DDA, PLANNING COMMISSION

#### ALTO SANITARY SEWER REPORT:

Operator Josh Mannard reported that the month of April had no violations for effluent Phosphorus. In late April the surface discharge on the west side of the sand bed was installed. Subsequent to the initial installation some modifications have been suggested by Mike Oezer fo the water distribution piping. He used a skid steer to clear brush from the discharge sand bed surface.

#### LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that we approve the contract received from Pat's Premier Lawn Care for \$12,678.50 for the Bowne Center Cemetery, the Township Buildings and the Fire Station, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the amendments to the Ordinance as presented, supported by Trustee Fuss. Ayes-Fuss, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Greenfield. Nays-None. Motion carried.

**BOWNE MENNONITE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:**

Motion by Trustee Fuss that we contribute \$3500.00 to the Bowne Mennonite Cemetery maintenance, supported by Treasurer Greenfield. Motion carried.

**PAY INCREASES:**

Motion by Trustee Fuss that we increase the hourly rate to \$20.00 for the township secretary and the deputies of the Treasurer and Clerk, supported by Treasurer Greenfield. Motion carried.

**KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:**

This year 92<sup>nd</sup> Street from Snow Avenue to Alden Nash Avenue will have a sealcoating put on at a cost of \$80,000. Other roads that will be repaired and chip sealed Morse Lake from 92<sup>nd</sup> to 68<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup> from Alden Nash to Montcalm, 68<sup>th</sup> from Morse Lake to Timpson, and 84<sup>th</sup> from Alden Nash to Wingeier.

**KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER:**

Bear Swamp Drain maintenance program will run over a 5 year period at an estimated assessment of \$14,6324.15. Other Drain Districts to be Assessed are Cobb Miller, Johnson and Godfrey, Bowler, Boulard and Thompson.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Greenfield that the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m., supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk