

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

The July 17, 2017 meeting of the Bowne Township Board of Trustees was held in the Historic Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan. Called to order by Supervisor Wilcox at 7:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: JUNE 30, 2017 ACCOUNT BALANCES

GENERAL FUND CASH	\$595,094.61
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 48,846.76
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$131,914.80
FIRE FUND CASH	\$149,131.86
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$182,978.23
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,037.21
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$300,256.76
SEWER FUND CASH	\$145,521.94
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 72,786.97
SEWER BOND & REDEMPTION FUND	\$190,258.08
CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$ 31.31
MAY 31, 2017 ACCOUNT BALANCE UNAVAILABLE	

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR JULY 2017:

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #10798-10832	\$ 35,716.87
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6016-6039	\$ 9,053.98
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2532-2541	\$ 19,245.77

FIRE FUND REPORT:

Fire Chief Dougherty reported that the department responded to 20 calls in June. The firemen are currently attending a special training class with Plains tonight. Lockers are being installed at the fire station this week, the lockers and the installation was funded by the DDA, Fireman Bencker is assembling and installing the lockers. During the severe weather last week the department responded to 12 incidents in a 24 hour period. The chief is also soliciting bids to replace our 1979 brush truck. The plan is to buy a truck, outfit it with lights and radios and use it to pull the UTV. When we don't have the UTV hooked to it we'll use the firefighting unit in the UTV in the truck. Because the 1979 brush truck is considered very desirable by collectors given it's condition and very low miles these trucks have sold for between \$8,000 and \$15,000. The plan would be to sell it through an auction website. He will have the results of the bids at the August Board meeting.

DNR grant – Chief requested a list of the invoices that I have that are purchases qualifying for the DNR grant reimbursement. For the listed invoices he needs copies of cancelled checks that prove the invoices have been paid. He will then send all of the info in for our 50% reimbursement.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5 Alarm	6/16/2017	167104-1	\$ 631.14
Time Emergency	4/26/2017	120552	\$ 318.67
Time Emergency	1/24/2017	119457	\$ 385.22
Time Emergency	2/22/2017	119776	\$ 385.27
Time Emergency	3/6/2017	119921	\$2,052.01
Time Emergency	3/20/2017	120104	\$2,052.01
Time Emergency	3/22/2017	120150	\$ 515.32
Time Emergency	4/3/2017	120258	<u>\$2,052.01</u>
		Total	\$8,391.65

FREEPORT AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

June monthly report – incidents responded to was 5, calls for Service by Response Area is 5, Year to date incidents responded to as of 6/30/2017 is 55, average dispatch to arrival time is 9 minutes. Special Event held on June 17th raised \$3,000.00. Current training for firefighter and medical training was none. Department personnel hours of service 343.

P.C.I. OF MICHIGAN REPORT: 4 permits issued – valuation \$300,000.00

Bill Paiz-8475 Fawn Crest-Pole Building, Sean Larson-6433 Pratt Lake Ave-Detached garage,
John VandenAkker-8291 Morse Lake Rd-Pre Mfg. State, Nikki Edgecombe-8776 Morse Lake Rd
New Residence.

MINUTES – DDA, HISTORICAL COMMISSION. – Received and filed.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR MILLAGE LEVY 2017:

Supervisor Wilcox closed the regular meeting at 7:09pm and reopened public hearing regarding the millage levy for 2017. Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we approve the maximum allowable millage rate of 0.8514 as allocated for General Operating and 1.6341 for the Extra Voted (Fire Millage) and due to the incorrect 2016 tax levy we deduct 0.0020 making our total operating millage allowed 2.4835, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

Closed public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Re-opened regular meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES REPORT:

Operator Mannard presented the June 2017 Monthly Operations Report – the plant was in permit compliance for the month of June. They repaired a leaking valve on the suction piping in the plant. All the PVC fittings were “close coupled” so to replace the leaking valve the concrete floor had to be jacked up. At the time the removed section of concrete was filled in with gravel. On 6/20 the missing section of concrete was replaced helping the overall appearance of the plant. The generator at the lift station is fully connected and ready to supply power when needed. This significantly improves the reliability of the system. Corrective Action/Significant Tasks Completed: 6/2/2017 worked with American Manufacturing to utilize the functions of the new control panel and dialer. The ability to have remote plant reset capabilities required a program alteration. The cost of which was \$200.00. 6/20 repaired the concrete floor in the building. 6/23/2017 Pond #4(middle pond) was rising and pond #5 was not. This indicated plug restricting the gravity flow between the ponds. This has occurred in the past which necessitated the installation of “cleanouts” in August 2014. Pea gravel will be installed around the gas line to eliminate the need for trimming.

ALTO HARVEST FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW APPLICATION-RESOLUTION #3-2017:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we approve by Resolution #3-2017 the application from Eva Carey representative of the Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show to hold their festival on Saturday, September 16, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that we will request permission from the Kent County Road Commission to close the following streets; Depot Avenue, Linfield Avenue, Kirby Street, Luce Street and Bancroft Avenue with traffic control from the Kent County Sheriff’s Department supported by Trustee Flynn. Ayes-All. Nays-None. Resolution declared adopted.

MISS DIG811 WEB TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SEMINAR:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk for Deputy Clerk Hendrick to attend the seminar in Traverse City on August 30, 2017, seminar free, hotel \$200.00 supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

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KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AD:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that we run an ad for support of the Kent County Youth Fair in August, the ad will cost about \$270.00, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kent County Road Commission will begin the week of July 10th to reconstruct Bowne Township Bridge No. 26 which is located about 0.3 miles north of 100th Street on Freeport Avenue with completion planned for late August.

Kent County Health Department hosting "A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR ALL" on August 15th from 1:30 – 4:30 at the L.V. Eberhard Center located at 301 W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 that will introduce the tools necessary to integrate health considerations into decision making processes at the local level.

FUN FACT!!!

Grand Rapids Magazine lists Bowne Township 22nd out of 77 metro communities for best place to live and has the highest percentage of election turnout. With a 81.14% highest rating in Kent County for voter turnout for the Presidential election 2016 – separated by school district is Caledonia 22, Lowell 29, T-K 37 regardless of their township ranking.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2017

7:00 P.M.

HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL

8240 ALDEN NASH SE.

ALTO, MI 49302

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Township Clerk