

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board held in the Historic Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE., Alto, MI 49302 was 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:**    **JANET VANWYCK-HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**  
                                  **SANDY GRAHAM-LIBRARIAN**  
                                  **PHIL DOUGHERTY-FIRE CHIEF**  
                                  **CHRIS AFENDOULIS-CANDIDATE FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES:**

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

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$287,777.54</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 48,846.76</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET</b>	<b>\$132,046.59</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 44,583.76</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$182,978.23</b>
	<b>FIRE BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$ 39,050.21</b>
	<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$161,395.78</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 98,909.95</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 72,786.97</b>
	<b>SEWER BOND REDEMPTION FUND</b>	<b>\$ 81,699.04</b>
	<b>CURRENT TAX CASH</b>	<b>\$350,326.88</b>

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

**MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2018:**

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

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Dougherty reported 14 calls for the past month, the least amount they have had for a while, and that's good.. He requested authorization for "Rescue Task Force Training" to help wounded victims, the course is \$150.00 per person and will be held at the Fire Station, he expects 14 to 20 participants.

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we approve the "Rescue Task Force Training" cost of \$150.00 per person for the 8 hour class per recommendation from Fire Chief, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

Chief Dougherty presented the Board with a letter of resignation stating that after 26 years with the department he has decided to step down to spend more time with his family and he has been honored to serve the people of this area and is grateful for the experiences he has had, thanked us for our support and of the fire department while he has been chief. Township Board thanked Chief Dougherty for his service and grateful that he will remain until a replacement can be appointed.

**FIREPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:** 10 Calls each for the months of January & February. They are doing "Personal Protective Equipment Inspection" firefighter training. Medical Training "Patient Assessment, Trauma/Bleeding Control, CPR/AED. Years of service anniversaries for March – Dana Rittenberg 15 yrs., Chris Shepard 12 yrs., Jason Bush 9 yrs.

**PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT:** 1 Permit - \$60,400.00 Valuation. Jim Boverhof-10954 84<sup>th</sup> Street-Inground Pool.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION:**

Rep. VanWyck spoke about the "**power point**" that is being set up at the Library to have available the information compiled by Dick Johnson of the Historical Commission of all the businesses that were in Alto many years ago, a program that was presented at the Alto Library in October 2017. The next project Mr. Johnson will work on is the Township's Assessment Records that are over 100 years old, he is currently writing down the names and sections numbers for computerization so future research will not require handling the fragile old documents.

Van Wyck also mentioned the Annual **SPRING INTO THE PAST** event coming up on the **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of May,** when the Bowne Township Museums will be open for everyone to enjoy.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Librarian Graham provided the board with "March is Reading Month", Alto Elementary choose the theme "Let the Games Begin" along with the other activities that have taken place to date.

**AUDITOR CONTRACT 5 YR. RENEWAL:**

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk to approve the 5 year contract with Campbell Auditing for fiscal years ending March 31, 2019 thru 2023 for a fee of \$6,000.00 per year, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

Supervisor Wilcox closed the regular meeting at 7:15 and opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget for 2018-19.

Public Comments-None

Supervisor Wilcox closed the public hearing and reopened the regular board meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the Financial Statement/Proposed Budget for April 1, 2018-March 31, 2019 be approved as printed, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #18.03:**

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk offered for adoption an amendment to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana, Unclassified uses , Lawful Nonconforming uses, Structures, Unlawful uses and Subsection 14.01(S) of the Zoning Ordinance supported by Trustee Flynn. Ayes – Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Flynn and Fuss. Nays – None. Abstains-None. This Ordinance amendment is declared to be duly adopted.

**WIDTH TO DEPTH RATIO HOWARD PROPERTY 100<sup>TH</sup> STREET:**

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Howard Family Development LLC be granted their request of width to depth ratio on 2 lots of their parcel located on 100<sup>th</sup> Street and Coldwater Avenue so not to create a landlocked piece of ground, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**CANDIDATE SEEKING THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT:**

Chris Afendoulis introduced himself to the board members as a candidate running for the 29<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District sharing his professional background in finance and his desire to help Michigan continue on the same path it has been for the past 8 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Clerk