

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 in the historic township hall, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE., Alto, MI 49302. Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order 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: DON RYNKOWSKI-ZBA
RON ERISMAN-ZBA
JAY BARNHART-ZBA
R.SCOTT MARSMAN & REGINA MARSMAN**

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$358,364.76
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 49,353.23
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,261.64
FIRE FUND CASH	\$173,658.66
FIRE FUND INVESTMENTS	\$186,190.62
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,071.91
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$202,328.14
SEWER FUND CASH	\$206,845.87
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 73,629.26
CURRENT TAX FUND CASH	\$ 18.80

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 2019:

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the monthly bills be allowed and paid for April 2019, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #11614-11650	\$ 27,305.73
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6642-6670	\$ 8,001.56
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2648-2652	\$ 10,343.12

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 17 INCIDENTS. **PANCAKE SUPPER SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 5 PM TO 8PM.**

New recruit for the department, Jake Lotterman. Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we approve the application of Jake Lotterman to the fire department, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried

FIREPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT: 20 INCIDENTS REPORTED. On April 6th they held their Annual Awards Dinner honoring 2 fire department members for their 90 combined years of service. Current training is in Communications.

PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT: 2 Permits issued. \$107,450.00 Construction Value.

James Seely-9700 76th Street SE-In-ground pool; Kyle VanArtsen-7330 Snow Avenue-Addition to Residence/Remodel.

1st Quarter 2019 Building Report-6 Permits, \$419,250.00 Total Construction Value.

MINUTES: Alto/Bowne Downtown Development Authority, Historical Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals.

SEWER REPORT: Not available.

NEW BUSINESS: FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PROPOSED BUDGET: Upon review of proposed budget it was moved by Trustee Flynn to add \$100,000.00 changing the Capital Outlay 2019-20 amount to \$150,000, supported, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

BOWNE CENTER CEMETERY: Motion by Trustee Flynn that we contract with Gravestone Services Inc. to clean and/or repair 300 headstones in the cemetery at a cost of \$60.00 per stone with a 10% discount (\$16,200 in total) supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Members Rynkowski, Erisman & Barnhart spoke to the board about eliminating the square footage sizes for Accessory Structures (Section 3 3.02(F) of the Bowne Township Ordinance or at least figure out a different formula since most people have several recreation vehicles, size of the accessory structure should not be determined by amount of acreage. Board discussed this and determined that we would each consider different options and bring them back to the May board meeting for discussion. When we determine what may work better we will forward it on to the Township Planner Janis Johnson and then to the Township Planning Commission.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION "OPTION FOR NONPARTISAN TOWNSHIP OFFICES RESOLUTION:

At this meeting of the Bowne Township Board, the following resolution was offered by Treasurer Wingeier and supported by Trustee Flynn:

Be it resolved, that the township board is on record in opposition to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. Roll call vote: Supervisor Randy Wilcox-Aye, Clerk Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Ayes, Treasurer Tammi Wingeier-Aye, Trustee Robert Flynn-Aye, Trustee David Fuss-Aye.

MTA NONPARTISAN OPTION FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES (CON'T):

The motion was declared adopted.

Clerk's Certification: I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true statement of an action taken by the Bowne Township at an official meeting of said board on April 15, 2019.

Clerk's signature

April 15, 2019
Date

ALTO BRANCH OF KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT FOR APRIL:

Very busy Spring Break week, attendance for their everyday programs ranged from 26 to over 55. Monday was the usual Family Storytime, then the rest of the days they had different themes of science and art activities. Stations were set up throughout the building and the kids could do what interested them at their own pace. The "Let It Snow" program for adults is finished, our branch had 47 sign up and 30 of them earned their mugs, participation was up in the overall district. Alto & Englehardt Branches worked together on the booth for the Lowell Community Expo. They bought a double space so they could highlight their KDL Labs, Mission: Read, and 1KB4K program for kids, this left a table free to feature everything KDL has to offer in both physical and digital materials. Cooperation with Alto Elementary in "March Is Reading Month" turned out very well, 12 out of 20+ who took the sheets, preschoolers turned in their Dragon Challenge sheets for prizes; Donna B. won "Dragon Treasure" for adults!

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m., supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk