

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018 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 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: **RICK VRIESENGA – FIRE CHIEF**
 ANDY VANDERZIEL – DEPUTY CHIEF
 LARRY BENCKER – FIREMAN
 JOSH MANNARD – INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES
 TOM BENEDICT – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
 JANET VANWYCK – HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE
 BRIAN POSTEMA
 JAMES OOSTING – PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$401,785.75
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 49,207.14
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,112.81
FIRE FUND CASH	\$124,091.29
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$185,264.00
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,055.13
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$234,531.67
SEWER FUND CASH	\$145,794.89
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 73,629.26
SEWER BOND REDEMPTION FUND	\$ 81,014.81
CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$ 6.57

Motion by Trustee Flynn to approve the Treasurer’s Report as printed, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR JULY 2018:

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #
FIRE FUND CHECKS #

**SEWER FUND CHECKS #
CURRENT TAX FUND CHECKS #**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Vriesenga reported 18 calls for June. The turn-out gear needs to be replaced as it is at the 10 year limit at a cost of \$20,656.60. The hexarmor 20 pairs of extrication gloves for \$939.80 will be purchased from their fund. We need 5 vehicles equipped with lights & sirens through Chrouch Communications at a cost of \$2500 per vehicle. Introduced Andy VanderZiel as the new Deputy/Assistant Chief.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that Fire Chief Vriesenga be authorized to order the turn-out gear that is needed for \$20,656.60 and the emergency lights/sirens also be installed in 5 vehicles at a cost of \$2,500.00 each supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

Township Board members welcomed Andy VanderZiel and thanked him for taking the position of Deputy/Assistant Chief.

FREERPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Yarger reported 12 calls for their department, 2 of which were in Bowne Township. Their Annual Auction has been postponed and their training will be on Apparatus/Pump Operations. The 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. is their Rural Fire Association Board Meeting held at the Freeport Fire Station.

P.C.I. OF MI INC. REPORT: 3 Permits issued. \$350,000.00 Total construction value.

Scott Tompkins-66074 Morse Lake Avenue-Pole Building, James Davis-11877 108th Street-
Addition to Residence, First Baptist Church-6015 Bancroft Avenue SE-Commercial Remodel.

MINUTES: DDA. HISTORICAL COMMISSION—Representative VanWyck reported that 55 people had attended the “Old Businesses” power point presentation and several who have viewed it on the website wish they would have attended. John Simmons is still working on the carriage shed replacing newer materials with ones more suited to the age of the structure. The museums are open on the 1st Sunday of each month to the public.

ALTO SANITARY DRAIN REPORT-INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES:

Operator Mannard distributed the June 2018 monthly operations report to the board which stated the following on June 7th installed a new valve vault outlet that supplies power to the sump pump and heat trace in the underground valve vault was relocated. One June 12th flush out pipe in pond 4, flow from pond #4 was restricted and not flowing at the proper rate as observed at the flow meter. Multiple failures of the pond aerators, including an assessment in their current state along with an estimate for repairs and maintenance of all the aerators, he will get back to us with costs.

TYLER CREEK TAX APPEAL:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we authorize the township attorney to proceed in the necessary manner to obtain a specialist in golf course appraisals to conduct an appraisal of the Tyler Creek Golf Course/Campground for \$10,000 and any post appraisal work billed at \$225.00 per hour (which would include testifying at tribunal), supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

ALTO HARVEST FESTIVAL/CAR SHOW:

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we approve application for the Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 and issue an outdoor gathering permit for that day and to contact the Kent County Road Commission for permission to close the Streets needed for the festival, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Postema spoke with the Board regarding the High Grade Gravel Company (current owners of the Morse Lake Avenue gravel pit) and the violations they are committing by beginning at 6:00 a.m., running 7 days a week, not managing the noise or the dust control. Supervisor Wilcox stated he would call High Grade.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk