

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

MINUTES

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 WILCOX – SUPERVISOR
SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK – CLERK
TAMMI WINGEIER – TREASURER
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE

MEMBERS ABSENT: ROBERT FLYNN

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the December 2019 meeting minutes be approved as printed, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$184,519.89
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 49,353.23
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,411.19
FIRE FUND CASH	\$ 78,679.69
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$186,190.62
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,086.63
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$201,814.36
SEWER FUND CASH	\$264,221.14
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 73,924.32
CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$266,042.53

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUES AND PAYABLE FOR JANUARY 2020:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that we approve the monthly bills due and payable as presented for January 2020 supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #12005-12030	\$ 19,023.98
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6947-6976	\$ 6,925.43
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2692-2698	\$ 7,476.79
TAX ACCOUNT CHECKS #44854503	\$529,652.56
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND CHECKS #1029	\$150,000.00

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Vriesenga reported 15 runs for the past month, this past weekend they had 9 runs bringing them to over 20 for this month alone. Total for 2019 – 270 calls. Regarding the new fire truck – Kenworth and Spencer are adding \$10,000 worth of additional items to the truck at no cost to our department. Chief has provided the twp. board members with a “Weekend Duty Roster” which covers a 48 hour period from Friday evening thru Sunday and suggests that an increase from \$35.00 to \$150.00 per man be considered for the next township budget.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Yarger submitted their departments 2019 Annual Report – 127 incidents , department personnel hours of service 2128.

PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT: 2 Permits - \$488,114.00 Construction value.

Jane Dryer-10687 68th Street-Demolition Permit, Joshua Nuiver-6687 Alden Nash Avenue SE-
New Residence.

2019 YEAR END REPORT – 37 Permits-total construction value-\$3,790,843.00

7 New residences, 9 Pole Buildings, 3 Commercial New, 2 Solar Equipment, 1 Pool,
6 Residence remodels, 2 Deck/Porch, 1 Shed, 2 Signs, 2 Demolition, 1 Pre-Mfg. State,
1 Miscellaneous.

ALTO SANITARY SEWER OPERATIONS REPORT:

Operator Mannard reported December to be a very productive month. Work has continued with Engineer Oezer for the clean-out of pond #5. He has received a quote to repair the surface aerator in Pond #1. This aerator is the large 30 HP unit that has flipped over due to a bearing failure, cost to repair will be \$2058. No corrective action/significant tasks completed.

DATE CHANGE FOR MARCH BOARD MEETING:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the regular board meeting for March be changed to Monday the 30th supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

GRANT OF \$2500 AWARDED FOR PRECINCT TABULATOR: The township has been notified that the \$2500 grant applied for was awarded to be used toward the purchase of an ImageCast precinct tabulator \$5295.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY-ALTO BRANCH:

Librarian Graham provided the board with their December activities report which included two of their favorite programs – “Gingerbread Lane” & “Happy Noon Year”. Gingerbread lane was to make simple

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LIBRARY (continued):

gingerbread houses using graham crackers as the base, kids had lot of fun with their creations and the parents did not have a sticky mess in their kitchens. Happy Noon Year is a New Year's Eve party at the family friendly time of 12 noon instead of 12 midnight. Once again they were involved with the Alto Lions Club Children's Christmas Party. The Library set up a table and provided materials for kids to make "pop-up" Christmas cards for the Veteran's Home in Grand Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm. Supported by Trustee Fuss.
Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk