

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 21, 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:**    **RICK VRIESENKA-FIRE CHIEF**  
                                  **SANDY GRAHAM-LIBRARIAN**

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Fuss to approves the minutes of the December board meeting and the January 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$178,043.92</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 49,353.23</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET</b>	<b>\$132,212.74</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$ 62,354.68</b>
	<b>FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$186,190.62</b>
	<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$153,769.34</b>
	<b>FIRE BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$ 39,067.10</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$141,948.64</b>
	<b>SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>\$ 73,629.26</b>
	<b>SEWER BOND REDEMPTION</b>	<b>\$ 50,340.49</b>
	<b>CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH</b>	<b>\$341,910.32</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 JANUARY 2019:**

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

**GENERAL FUND CHECKS #11527-**  
**FIRE FUND CHECKS #6527-**  
**SEWER FUND CHECKS 2634-**  
**CURRENT TAX CHECKS #**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Vriesenga reported 21 calls for December. He then presented two new applicants to the fire department – Michael Dougherty and Phillip Dougherty. Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we authorize the hiring of the two new applicants, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

Fire Investigation School – April 22 for 2 weeks in Lansing at a cost of \$850.00, he would like to attend. Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that Chief Vriesenga be approved to attend the Fire Investigation School in Lansing in April 2019, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

Truck Committee are gathering information for replacement of either the 1984 Tanker or the Engine. Possibility of a hybrid tanker/engine at a cost of \$380,000.00.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Yarger reported 9 calls for December 2018. Special events – Santa Visits on December 22, they made 44 stops, 100 children. Training – Ice/Water Rescue.

**PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT:** 3 PERMITS – CONSTRUCTION VALUE-\$320,000.00  
Michael Martin-10900 76<sup>th</sup> Street-New Residence & Detached Garage, Dave Hoekstra –  
8616 Pratt Lake Road (Animal Park)-Pole Building.

**MINUTES: DDA.**

**SEWER REPORT:**

Operator Mannard sent in his report stating that December was a very productive month. The plant was in full permit compliance and no corrective or significant tasks were completed.

**CALEDONIA SPORTSMEN’S CLUB REQUEST:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we approve the request for a “Special License” for March 23, 2019 to the Caledonia Sportsmen’s Club for the sale of alcoholic beverages, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION 1-2017:**

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Bowne Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the adoption of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan and submit it to the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Agency Region V officials to enable Kent County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan’s final approval, supported by Trustee Flynn. Ayes – Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains - None. Resolution declared adopted.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Librarian Graham gave the January Report for the Alto Branch of the Kent District Library and that Channel 17 came out to do a story regarding a program that KDL called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten", George Walter and his mom, Shannon, along with our youth parapro Sara, discussed the program with the reporter. George was the first Alto kid to finish, his younger sister is now at the 800 level, the article can be seen at <https://fox17online.com/2019/01/14/kent-co-program-getting-kids-to-read-1k-books-before-kindergarten/>

54 children attended the December 31<sup>st</sup> "Happy NOON Year" party. They celebrated with noisemakers, balloon drop, etc. but at 12 noon instead of 12 midnight.

Some 2018 Statistics – Book circulation-42,868 (down by 811)-this does not include the 6,000 e-books down-loaded by Alto Patrons. Visits-18,707 and increase of 4%. A slight decrease in the number of programs, but an increase in program attendance. Graham expected this to drop, because of the huge attendance at their Eclipse Party in 2017, but it wasn't the case.

Their outreach activities and school partnerships increased in both frequency and attendance.

Librarian Graham also noted that her job has changed. She is now managing both the Alto and Englehardt Branches adding additional 20 hours in her week.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting adjourn at 7:19 p.m., supported by Trustee Flynn.  
Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk