

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 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 Avenue SE., Alto, Michigan 49302. Clerk Kowalczyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK – CLERK  
TAMMI WINGEIER – TREASURER  
ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE  
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** RANDY WILCOX – SUPERVISOR

**OTHERS PRESENT:** RICK VRIESENKA – FIRE CHIEF  
KEN YONKER – KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER  
JOSH MANNARD – INFRASTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVES

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn to approve the September board meeting minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH</b>	<b>\$321,046.32</b>
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 49,353.23
GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$132,361.14
FIRE FUND CASH	\$ 89,521.03
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$186,190.62
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 39,081.71
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$204,910.40
SEWER FUND CASH	\$263,205.68
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 73,924.32
CURRENT TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$2,368,587.88

Motion by Trustee Flynn that the treasurer’s report be approved as presented, supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE:**

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #11868-11901	\$79,709.79
FIRE FUND CHECKS #6857-6890	\$ 8,610.85
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2673-2677	\$10,803.87
TAX ACCOUNT CHECKS #4466-4470	\$ 4,562.31

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Vriesenga reported 24 incidents for the past month. The combination tanker/engine chassis has been ordered through Spencer Manufacturing of South Haven, MI and will take 220 days for completion. The completed cost will be \$462,828.00.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

September report shows 7 total incidents and October's report shows 8 total incidents. Special event attended in September was the National Night Out in Hastings, training consisted of SCBA Mask Fit Test and EMS Operations Systems. October training: roadway operations, response procedures, mapping and helicopter landing zone. Medical training was combined with fire training.

**PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT:** 1 permit issued - \$200,000.00 const. value  
Justin Kunze-12966 64<sup>th</sup> Street SE-New Residence.

**MINUTES:** DDA, HISTORICAL COMMISSION (Received & filed)

**ALTO SANITARY SEWER REPORT:**

Operator Mannard performed maintenance & repairs to the reverse leads on Aerator 5NW to clear blockage from propeller. Chemical leak from the roller tubing on the ferric chloride pump. Cleaned up spill and replaced tube. A new roller kit was ordered because the previous one was the likely cause of the premature tubing failure. Took apart filter valve assemblies and drain piping to troubleshoot backwash issues. DEQ letter will be arriving shortly and will note that replacement of two (2) aerators will need to be addressed in the spring. He has priced these out at \$5400.

**BEAR SWAMP DRAIN MAINTENANCE \$36,465.00-- RESOLUTION-KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER KEN YONKER:**

It was moved by Trustee that we authorize the Drain Commissioner to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Bear Swamp Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00 dollars per mile and, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the Drain, then the Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. AYES – Fuss, Flynn, Fuss, Flynn, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. NAYS – None. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

**CALEDONIA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB-SPECIAL EVENT 3-28-2020:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we approve issuing a special license to the Caledonia Sportsmen's Club event to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, as it does not conflict with any local ordinance, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT SHRED-IT DAY-NOVEMBER 2, 2019:**

Motion by Trustee Flynn that we pay the Shred-It company \$825.00 for 3 hours of document shredding to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in the parking lot of the Historic Township Hall-8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302 inviting Bowne Township residents to participate. A complete list of items Shred-It accepts as well as the time of day will be published in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger, supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

**WINDOWS 10 UPGRADES TO SERVER, 6 COMPUTERS: BID NOT RECEIVED BY BD. MTG.**

**PRINTER FOR CLERK’S OFFICE:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that replace the printer in the Clerk’s Office through Addorio Technologies for \$750.00, supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion carried.

**KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY-ALTO BRANCH:**

Librarian Graham provided the board members a flier depicting the fall activities that have begun by having a Saturday Teen and Family Program every month, in September it was a Nerf Gun war for teens and “Fall Fest” for families. The success of the Alto Harvest Festival, the baking contest, “Baking Bingo” and a slew of books sold. The celebration of the National Library Card Month for first graders (4 classrooms) from Alto Elementary by holding a “First Grade Card Party.” Family Movie Night 1<sup>st</sup> of the season to see “Into the Spider-verse” a Spiderman spin-off.

**KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER 2019 DRAIN ROLL – DETAILED SUMMARY:**

DRAIN NAME	YEARS	Gov’t unit at Large	Special District	Total
Bear Swamp	4 <sup>th</sup> of 5 <sup>th</sup>	2400.00	5350.04	7750.04
Camel Lake		2800.00	4498.74	7298.74
Cobb & Miller	1 <sup>st</sup> of 4	1,000.00	3748.04	4748.04
Coldwater River I/C		4016.60	21229.23	25245.83
Johnson & Godfrey	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 7	5470.71	46441.72	51912.43
Kilgus		1324.20	7066.23	8390.43
Little Thornapple River I/C		180.00	646.27	826.27
Winslow		<u>1139.67</u>	<u>3 206.51</u>	<u>4346.18</u>
		18,331.18	92,186.78	110,517.96

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**REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS ALBERT “COFFEE BREAK NEWS”:**

Issues covered in Rep. Albert’s newsletter were the seriousness of Governor Whitmer’s \$1 billion dollars cut from the State’s Budget by vetoing 147 line items including road repairs & tourism, public safety, Education and Autism Assistance, Clean Water and Public Health. On Friday, October 25th he will be at the Jamnbean Coffee Company in Ada 9am to 10 a.m. and the Bridgestreet Café in Belding 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or he can be reached at 517 373 0846, email [ThomasAlbert@House.mi.gov](mailto:ThomasAlbert@House.mi.gov) or wesite [www.RepAlbert.com](http://www.RepAlbert.com).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m., supported by Trustee Flynn.  
Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk