The Regular Meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held in the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI. Supervisor Wenger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHRISTIAN WENGER - SUPERVISOR
SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK - CLERK
TAMMI WINGEIER - TREASURER
DAVID FUSS - TRUSTEE
KIM CULBERTSON - TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: GERALD POSTHUMUS - FIRE CHIEF
Lani Forbes, Jody Faunce - Freeport Fire Dept.
Randy Reynolds, Bernie & Donna Boelema,
Tom & Sherry Gasser, Eric Condron-Aflac Ins.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the December meeting be approved as printed, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND CASH $2,111.44
GENERAL FUND T.C. $42,675.99
GENERAL FUND M.M. $243,815.24
GENERAL FUND REN ZONE $350,000.00
FIRE FUND CASH $103,504.00
FIRE FUND T.C. $93,322.47
FIRE BUILDING FUND $82,775.09
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND $130,346.96
SEWER FUND CASH $86,687.78
SEWER FUND T.C. $58,448.38
SEWER BOND FUND $114,842.70
TRUST/AGENCY CASH $.00
TAX ACCOUNT CASH $456,976.90

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the Treasurer's Report be approved as printed, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the monthly bills be allowed and paid, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

General Fund Checks #5353-5380 $19,388.24
Fire Fund Checks #2769-2781 $5,462.36
Sewer Fund Checks #1936-1937 $1,476.28
Trust/Agency Checks #1213-1214 $3,426.79
Tax Account Checks #2310-2331 $399,396.35
FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire Chief Posthumus reported the department had been dispatched on 14 runs since the last board meeting. The Ice-Rescue Class scheduled for January 14th had been cancelled due to the lack of ice, it is rescheduled for January 28th.

MINUTES - DDA, PLANNING COMMISSION, LIBRARY: Minutes from Planning Commission and Library received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lani Forbes - Freeport Fire Department gave a recap of their last year, total of 157 runs for 2005. 27 staff members with a combined total of 169 years of service. The hydrants in Freeport are finished & will provide 1,000 gallons per minute. They will host an Ice Rescue Class on January 21st with Hastings Fire Dept. Their fire station construction is still ongoing.

P.C.I. OF MI INC. REPORT: 2 Permits were issued for a total valuation of $260,000.00. Daniel Stephan-9608 100th Street SE-Addition to Residence, Koetje Builders-7340 Twin Hickory Court-New Residence.

OLD BUSINESS: Thornapple River Development 3rd amendment to agreement still unavailable. Supervisor Wenger gave a brief update on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Opened the Public Hearing - 7:40 p.m.

**Community Development Block Grant Program** - Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we rescind the previous motion to use the funds for access improvement to the township office, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we authorize her to apply to the **Community Development Block Grant Program** and request that the funds be used for improvements to Snow Avenue between 68th and 76th Streets which lies in the Target Area of 012002-2 of Bowne Township, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried. Supervisor Wenger closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we refund Tom Gasser his application fee of $300.00 for a ZBA variance that was determined he did not need, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY PROGRAM** - Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we purchase the data conversion for cemetery management through BS&A Software for $350.00 which will allow for more detailed cemetery record keeping, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

COMMERCIAL DISTRICT’S DRAFT: Received from LSL, board will review.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk