

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2011  
7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board for August 15, 2011 was held in the Historic Township Hall, 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:** PHIL DOUGHERTY – FIRE CHIEF  
RANDY REYNOLDS  
GERRIE FUSS  
MIKE HOEBEKE – FREEPORT FIRE DEPT.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the minutes of the July board meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b>	GENERAL FUND CASH	\$186,836.39
	GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIF.	\$ 48,160.97
	GENERAL FUND MONEY MKT.	\$130,555.04
	GENERAL FUND REN ZONE	\$432,227.61
	FIRE FUND CASH	\$259,348.07
	FIRE FUND TIME CERTIF.	\$178,438.00
	FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 86,947.60
	FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$201,731.81
	SEWER FUND CASH	\$213,068.48
	SEWER FUND TIME CERTIF.	\$ 70,748.02
	SEWER BOND REDEMPTION	\$143,076.75
	TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$147,355.61

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Treasurer's Report be approved as printed, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR AUGUST 2011:**

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

**MONTHLY BILLS (CON'T):**

General Fund Checks #8074-8101	\$ 14,515.78
Fire Fund Checks #4186-4199	\$ 6,688.15
Sewer Fund Checks #2176-2178	\$ 9,148.46
Tax Account Checks #3242-3257	\$291,350.66

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Dougherty reported 16 calls since the last meeting. They will be training in mass casualty incidents with Clarksville Fire Dept. tomorrow night. Foundation under generator has once again been compromised by woodchucks, the firemen would like to dig a wall 30" deep around the generator and place a cement lid over the wall and reset the generator, cost could be about \$3,000.

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we authorize the Fire Chief to spend approximately \$3,000 on the generator pad, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

**FREERPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mike Hoebeke reported 7 calls for Freeport. They have recently completed SCVA flow testing. They have budgeted \$22,000 towards a new brush truck. September 17<sup>th</sup> will be Freeport Fun Days.

**MINUTES:** DDA (received & filed).

**P.C.I. OF MI REPORT:** 1 Permit - \$150,000.00 Valuation.  
Kyle Paalman-6416 Snow Avenue SE-New Residence

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT OPPOSING INCORPORATION AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP:**

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Township Board does not desire to incorporate as a charter township, now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby resolved that the Township Board does hereby declare its intent to not incorporate Bowne Township as a charter township seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. The chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

**POW/MIA FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011:**

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that we approve the resolution to provide for the designation of September 16, 2011 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day" increasing public awareness and focusing public attention on this issue is one way to help achieve this goal, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion declared adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Kent County Sheriff's Report April 1 – June 30, 2011 – 115 Incidents for Bowne.

Kent County DPW Sewer Report June 2011.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Trustee Fuss stated that the visibility at different intersections is becoming hazardous due to the trees and field crops.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

Next Meeting --- September 19, 2011