

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held in the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan 49302. 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
 MIKE HOEBEKE – FREEPORT FIRE DEPT. REP.
 RANDY REYNOLDS

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the April board meeting be approved as printed, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	GENERAL FUND CASH	\$177,016.53
	GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIF.	\$ 48,130.97
	GENERAL FUND MONEY MKT.	\$130,459.37
	GENERAL FUND REN ZONE	\$432,227.61
	FIRE FUND CASH	\$296,168.14
	FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$178,438.00
	FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 86,936.64
	FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$198,485.13
	SEWER FUND CASH	\$170,981.20
	SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 70,748.02
	SEWER BOND REDEMPTION	\$142,968.62
	TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$ 3,074.01

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR MAY 2011:

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #
FIRE FUND CHECKS #
SEWER FUND CHECKS #
TAX ACCOUNT CHECKS #

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Dougherty reported dispatch to 10 calls in the last month. The department is still working on the specifications for the new tanker, should have prices lined up for the next meeting.

FREERPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Representative Hoebeke stated that they had been dispatched to 11 calls since the last meeting. Freeport will hold its Annual Auction on Saturday, May 21, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES: DDA & PLANNING COMMISSION (received & filed).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

P.C.I. OF MI REPORT: 4 PERMITS - \$34,200.00 Valuation.
Robert Hess-10999 84th Street SE-Addition to Residence/Remodel,
Gary Smith – 6736 Snow Avenue-Addition to Garage,
Michael Hofert-6875 Morse Lake Road-Addition to Garage,
Timothy Hess – 6630 Timpson Avenue SE – Deck/Porch.

ORDINANCE 2-2011 – MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSARY:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson to amend the zoning ordinance of Bowne Township by adding a new and additional Section 2.52a (Defining a Medical Marihuana Dispensary), by adding a new and additional Section 3.42 (Regarding a prohibition on Medical marihuana dispensaries) and by adding a new and additional Section 3.43 (Regarding unclassified uses) supported by Clerk Kowalczyk. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk and Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 11-01 – OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES, EXOTIC ANIMALS ETC.:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk to amend the zoning ordinance of Bowne Township by adding definitions of several outdoor recreation facilities; by amending the definition of exotic animals; by amending Article 3 General Provisions to regulate exotic animals; by amending Articles 5, 6, and 7 to allow certain outdoor recreation facilities and animal rescue facilities; to amend Articles 11, 12 and 13 regarding multiple uses of buildings and other matters; to amend Article 14 and add new sections 14.01 Y. and 14.05 X. to allow and regulate outdoor recreation facilities, public and private zoos, wildlife parks, animal rescue and sanctuary facilities, and nature centers, supported by Trustee Culbertson. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk and Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 2012 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM:

Supervisor Wenger will request 4 to 5 applications of Dustlayer (calcium chloride) on the gravel roads in the township, otherwise only graveling and ditching as usual and several minor repairs to various roads 64th, Wingeier Ave etc. were discussed.

RIGHT OF 1ST REFUSAL ON FORECLOSED PARCEL – 41-24-24-100-025 Fawn Crest, 0.48A – per Kent County Treasurer:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we not purchase the parcel legally described as #41-24-24-100-025 located at 8535 Fawn Crest for back taxes of \$1393.11 and notify the Kent County Treasurer of our decision, supported by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: DPW Sewer Report for March 2011 received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we eliminate because it appears twice on the agenda, item 6 (public comments) from the township administrative policies and procedures under 1.2(b) Meeting Agenda, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

Treasurer Wingeier informed the board that she had moved two certificates of deposit from Huntington Bank to United Bank in order to obtain a much higher interest rate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m. seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

