

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 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. 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

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: GENERAL FUND CASH	\$162,471.94
GENERAL FUND TIME CERTIF.	\$ 48,130.97
GENERAL FUND MONEY MKT.	\$160,521.79
GENERAL FUND REN ZONE	\$432,227.61
FIRE FUND CASH	\$285,876.59
FIRE FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$178,438.00
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 86,943.91
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$201,723.24
SEWER FUND CASH	\$204,057.76
SEWER FUND TIME CERTIFICATES	\$ 70,748.02
SEWER BOND REDEMPTION	\$143,040.30
TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$ 3,074.74

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR JULY 2011:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that the monthly bills be allowed and paid as listed, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Dougherty reported 21 calls since our last meeting. An AED has been loaned to us by the County after KCEMS received a grant. Thursday firemen will be training at Plains LP Gas a simulated fire, Saturday with the Departments of Cascade, Ada and Lowell for water supply training. The committee researching the new fire tanker sent out 4 bid packets and 2 came back accurate to the bid specs. Spencer of South Haven \$323,987.00 and Rosenbauer from South Dakota \$292,977.00. truck was 6' longer and 10" taller than Spencer, Rosenbauer would be willing to look at redesigning the truck more to our needs. Board was presented the committees recommendation for the new tanker.

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that we accept the recommendation of the fire truck committee and authorize the purchase of the 3500 gallon tanker from Spencer Manufacturing for \$323,987.00 so we may continue doing business in West Michigan, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

RADIO REPEATER:

Chief Dougherty presented his request for the installment of a radio repeater and private channel to aid in communications during emergency calls at a cost of \$7,331.37.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the private channel for the department with a repeater located at the station to assist in communications within the department on calls for \$7,332.37, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

P.C.I. REPORT: No permits for June. 2nd Quarter report received/filed.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY ONE KENT COALITION:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk to support the resolution against the proposed change in state law to establish a Metropolitan Government in Kent County and Grand Rapids, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Ayes – Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

WESTERN INSURANCE AGENCY: MICHIGAN PAR PLAN.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we continue to purchase our insurance coverage through the Western Insurance Agency in Kalamazoo at a cost of \$15,108.00 per year, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

SEWER LAGOON DRIVEWAY UPGRADE:

Motion to accept costs of \$1850 for gravel, grading and dozer work on the drive to the sewer lagoons from Dirt Cheat Escavating by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

CEMETERY LOTS:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we now charge \$300.00 per grave space at the Bowne Center Cemetery effective from this date forward 7-18-2011 to anyone requesting burial space seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

Clerk Kowalczyk will erect a sign at the cemetery stating rules and **regulations for the cemetery.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Department of Public Works Report for May 2011. Received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 15, 2011 7:30 p.m. in Historic Twp. Hall.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk