BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Wenger called the Regular Meeting of the Bowne Township Board 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
                 Randy Reynolds-Twp. Resident
                 Jeffery Sluggett-Law, Weathers, Richardson
                 Mike Oezer – Progressive AE
                 Kyle VerHoef, Mitch Vrolyop, Zac Huizenga,
                 Jonathan VanOyen – South Christian Students

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the minutes of the November 17, 2008 board meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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Motion by Supervisor Wenger that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2008:

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

General Fund Checks #
Fire Fund Checks #
Sewer Fund Checks #
Trust/Agency Checks #
Tax Account Checks #
FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Posthumus reported 12 calls for the department.

MINUTES – DDA, PLANNING COMMISSION, LIBRARY – NONE RECEIVED.

PC.I. OF MI INC. REPORT: No permits issued.

FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 08-01 offered by Clerk Kowalczyk whereas, the Township Board desires to submit the question of renewing the Township’s expired millage for the Bowne Township Fire Department to the electors of the Township at the regular February election to be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and the Township Board is authorized by the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.358a, to call a special election to be held in the Township on a regular election date for the purpose of submitting a ballot question to the electors of the Township and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify this resolution and submit it to the Kent County Clerk to publish all notices for such election as required by law, and to take all other action required by law in connection with such election, supported by Trustee Fuss. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Resolution declared adopted this 15th day of December 2008.

Resolution 08-02 offered by Clerk Kowalczyk whereas, the Township Board desires to renew the Township’s millage for the Bowne Township Fire Department which expired following the December 1, 2008 levy, and Whereas, the Township Board desires to submit the question of renewing the Township’s expired millage for the Fire Department to the electors of the Township at the regular February election to be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne that the following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township at the February 24, 2009 election:

PROPOSAL FOR BOWNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the constitutional tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes in Bowne Township of 1.7911 mills ($1.79 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.6962 mills ($1.69 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.7911 mills ($1.79 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied on taxable property for ten (10) years, 2009 through 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and equipment of the Bowne Township Fire Department?

This millage renewal would raise an estimated $223,981 in the first year of the levy. To the extent required by law, a small portion of the tax levy revenues (approximately $12,653 in the first year) will be captured within the district of and disbursed to the Bowne Township Alto Downtown Authority.
Be it further resolved that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the ballot proposition to the Kent County Clerk as required by law, to publish all notices for such election as required by law, and to take all other action required by law in connection with such election, supported by Trustee Culbertson. Ayes – Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Culbertson, Fuss. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Resolution declared adopted this 15th day of December 2008.

PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS – CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that we renew the contract with Professional Code Inspections of Michigan the township building, mechanical and plumbing inspectors for the coming year, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER – AUDITORS – CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we renew the contract with Campbell, Kusterer the township Auditors for 5 years 2009 thru 2013 at a fee of $4800 per year, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE FIRE STATION:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we install surveillance cameras at the fire station and accept the bid from Skyline Electric of $4100.00 which includes 4 color cameras with tamperproof housing, video card for existing computer, 400 feet coax cable, wire and conduit, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

SEWER LAGOON:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we contact the property owner to the south of the sewer property and request an easement in order to clean-out an existing drain we believed to be plugged due to the amount of water generated by a local factory and recent rains, water is not seeping away as quickly as it should, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

DDA MASTER PLAN:

Motion by Treasurer Wingeier that we re-adopt the Alto-Bowne Downtown Development Authority updated and revised Master Plan with the duration of the plan running to 2016, attorney failed to publish ordinance when previously approved in March 2008, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstentions – None. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

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Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk
RESOLUTION
BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
BOWNE TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY
(Resolution No. 08-1)

This Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall at 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., at 7:30 p.m. on the 15th day of December, 2008.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was offered by member Kowalczyk and was seconded by member Fuss.

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to submit the question of renewing the Township’s expired millage for the Bowne Township Fire Department to the electors of the Township at the regular February election to be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is authorized by the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.358a, to call a special election to be held in the Township on a regular election date for the purpose of submitting a ballot question to the electors of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne that a special election is to be held in Bowne Township on the regular election date of Tuesday, February 24, 2009 for the purpose of submitting a ballot question to the Township electors to renew the expired millage for the Bowne Township Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify this resolution and submit it to the Kent County Clerk, to publish all notices for such election as required by law, and to take all other action required by law in connection with such election.

NAYS: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.

Motion by Kowalczyk supported by Fuss.

Resolution declared adopted this 15th day of December, 2008.

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Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN   

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COUNTY OF KENT

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Township Clerk of the Township of Bowne, County of Kent, State of Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Bowne at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of December, 2008, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my official signature this 15th day of December, 2008.

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Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Township Clerk