

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
JANUARY 17, 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 on Monday, January 17, 2011. 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  
                                  CLIFF BLOOM – TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY  
                                  RANDY REYNOLDS  
                                  BRIAN SCHUMACHER  
                                  CHRIS WIELAND  
                                  STEVE VANDERZIEL-LOWELL TWP. REP.  
                                  CARLTON BLOUGH-LOWELL TWP. REP.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the December 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting be approved as printed, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

<b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b>	GENERAL FUND CASH	\$ 93,607.16
	GENERAL FUND T.C.	\$ 47,848.62
	GENERAL FUND MONEY MKT.	\$130,314.71
	GENERAL FUND REN ZONE	\$432,227.61
	FIRE FUND CASH	\$223,292.74
	FIRE FUND T.C.	\$176,647.00
	FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$ 89,572.13
	FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 75,075.07
	SEWER FUND CASH	\$140,361.98
	SEWER FUND T.C.	\$ 70,748.02
	SEWER BOND REDEMPTION	\$154,866.68
	TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$497,388.42

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

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

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #7830-7857	\$ 10,949.69
FIRE FUND CHECKS #4010-4038	\$ 13,720.86
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2159-2160	\$ 6,135.58
TAX ACCOUNT CHECKS #3130-3151	\$481,225.07

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Dougherty reported 12 calls in the last month, there were a total of 180 for 2010. He requested new uniform shirts, neck ties, badges etc. at a cost of \$600.00 for the new volunteers that don't have them, also submitted the name of Chris Wieland for the available Captain's position for the board's consideration. Update on the DNR grant we received, the grant was for \$3145 and is a matching grant therefore we will contribute \$3145 toward the purchase of radios and personal protective equipment.

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that we authorize the Chief to purchase the needed uniforms for the new firemen at \$600.00 and approve the appointment of Chris Wieland as Captain, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

**P.C.I. OF MI REPORT:** No permits were issued in December. Yearly total 28  
10 New Homes, 6 Remodel, 3 Commercial Additions,  
3 Pole Buildings, 2 Garage Additions, 2 Deck/Porch,  
1 In-ground pool, 1 Miscellaneous. \$1,430,200. Valuation

**RENAISSANCE ZONE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – MAGNA MIRROR SYSTEMS:**

Motion by Treasurer that the Supervisor and Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the Township a Settlement Agreement relating to the renaissance zone for Magna Mirror Systems, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING:**

Hearing opened at 7:45 p.m. Discussion of various possibilities arose with no definite decision on how to use the CBDG funds, information had not been received defining acceptable uses or amount of funds available. Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m

**HOME BUSINESS APPROVAL:**

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the request from Fast Eddies Fabrication owned by Edward Page in Section 30 does meet all municipal requirements seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

**2011-2012 BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS:**

Supervisor Wenger submitted the following names for consideration to serve as members for 2 year terms on the Board of Review – Larry Wingeier, Paul Fuss and Carol Deter.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we accept the recommendation of the Supervisor and appoint Larry Wingeier, Paul Fuss and Carol Deter to a 2 year term 2011-2012 on the township Board of Review, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

**LOWELL TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:**

Steve VanderZiel and Carlton Blough spoke regarding a cost per call proposal for fire coverage in Lowell Township's 12 south sections currently being covered by Bowne Township Fire Department. Review of the current contract we hold, and the proposal brought will be under consideration.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Kent County Department of Public Works Sewer Report for November 2010 received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk