

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:	RANDY WILCOX – SUPERVISOR
	KAREN HENDRICK – CLERK
	BONNIE LENT-DAVIS – TREASURER
	DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE
MEMBERS ABSENT:	ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE
OTHERS PRESENT:	CHRISTINA FISCHER – Deputy Clerk
	LAUREN RINVELT – Alto/Bowne Fire Department
	KIM CULBERTSON – Wingeier Ave
	JEFF WHEELER – Alden Nash
	KATIE WHEELER – Alden Nash
	BRUCE MEEKHOF – 84 TH Street
	JOE VERLIN – Gabridge & Co

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, in the Historic Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Alto, MI 49302. Supervisor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion by Treasurer Lent-Davis to add Review of current budget, under New Business, Item D. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion by Trustee Fuss to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held September 16, 2024. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Fuss to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER 2024:

Motion by Clerk Hendrick the monthly bills be allowed and paid for October 2024. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Supervisor Wilcox gathered snowplow bids for the upcoming season. Work continues at the sewer ponds and clean up around the ponds. As we continue to work with SGS on a development agreement and conditional rezoning, there may be a need for a special meeting prior to our next regular board meeting.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS: Summer tax season is a wrap.

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CLERK'S COMMENTS: Early voting starts on Saturday, October 26 and continues to November 3 from 8AM until 4PM daily.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP FIRE REPORT:

In September, Bowne responded to 20 calls. This is the last month of EMT school and Graduation was October 3, 2024, and all 5 firefighters received their EMT.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Freeport Fire ran 10 calls in September. There were no calls in Bowne Township.

P.C.I. of MI INC. REPORT:

There were 7 building permits issued with a total valuation of \$487,206.75.

MINUTES: DDA, Planning Commission and Historical Commission

Historical Commission representative Kim Culbertson reminded everyone about Fright Night on October 31 from 5-7 PM. This year's Live Nativity will be held on December 14.

SEWER REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Verlin with Gabridge & Co was present to report on this year's audit. It was our first year with this firm. They work very efficiently and were a pleasure to work with.

A Motion by Clerk Hendrick to accept KV Landscapes Snow Removal Proposals for both the Township Offices at 8240 Alden Nash and Fire Station at 6260 Bancroft SE. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Trustee Fuss to sign the L-4029 2024 Tax Rate Request. Milage to be levied on December 1 is 2.3312. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Treasurer Lent-Davis to increase the Fire Fighter wage to \$20 per hour. The current wage of \$17 per hour will continue during the probationary period. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried.

A Motion by Clerk Hendrick to welcome Phil Dougherty as our Deputy Chief and agree to pay him an annual salary of \$14,500, as well as increase Chief Andy VanderZiel's wage to \$14,500 annually, Effective November 1, 2024. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS (Con't):

A Motion by Clerk Hendrick to table amending the 2024-25 budget until the November board meeting. Support by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: KCRC Deer Removal Memorandum

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Culbertson thanked Supervisor Wilcox for his participation in the Blessing of the Bell ceremony.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Clerk Hendrick to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 P.M.