

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY WILCOX – SUPERVISOR
KAREN HENDRICK – CLERK
BONNIE LENT-DAVIS – TREASURER
DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE
ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE

ORHERS PRESENT: LEIGH CHICK – WINGEIER AVE
LAUREN RINVELT – Bowne Fire Dept
KIM CULBERTSON – Wingeier Ave
BRUCE MEEKHOF – 84th Street
KRIS MEEKHOF – 84TH STREET

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held on Monday, February 19, 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. Motion by Trustee Flynn to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Board Meeting, noting all changes. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Fuss to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion Carried

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Motion by Trustee Flynn the monthly bills be allowed and paid for February 2024 and additional invoices for Kleyon for truck inspections/maintenance were submitted totaling \$9764.35. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

TREASURER’S COMMENTS: Municipal Finance Company is advising us to get money for sewer funding and help us look at our rates. An email was to all the banks to get bids to for financing. Bids are due by February 27, 2024. Closing of loan will be on or around March 27, 2024. We would like to have a new and separate account just for the sewer project.

CLERK’S COMMENTS: Early voting started on Saturday, February 17, 2024. As of today, we have had 26 voters’ total. There are a lot of checks and balances. Our training is paying off and everyone is doing well. Early voting continues until 4:00PM on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: The siding on the office building needs to be replaced. We have a quote from Zylstra’s and need 2 more quotes. SKS has submitted a Special Land Use Permit for the Bio Digester to the Planning Commission. They will be on the March Planning Commission Agenda.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP FIRE REPORT: NONE

FREEMPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT: NONE

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

There were 8 building permits issued for new construction during the month of January totaling \$2,172,584.00.

SEWER REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A Motion by Treasurer Lent-Davis to authorize Kore Hi-Com to install Cove Data Protection. The scope of work is to include; installation of NAS box onsite, configure NAS with user accounts and shares, install Cove on the Server, set up backup job and test as well as uninstall old back up software. First year estimated cost before shipping, including installation \$2,180.00. The annual recurring cost is \$800.00 at the time this quote was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion by Trustee Flynn to approve an increase in mileage to the Federal Rate of \$0.67 per mile. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

Resolution 02-2024: Resolution authorizing execution and delivery of an installment purchase agreement to acquire improvements to the Township's sanitary sewer system was offered by Member Hendrick and supported by Member Flynn. YEAS: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution 03-2024: Resolution for Poverty Exemption 2024 Guidelines was offered by Member Flynn and supported by Member Hendrick. YEAS: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. NAYS: None, ABSTAIN: None. Resolution declared adopted.

A Motion by Trustee Flynn to move the Board of Review Organizational meeting from the Tuesday following the first Monday in March to the Friday supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

Resolution 04-2024 Resolution for Member Flynn to approve the American Legion Post 528's request approval for Membership Drives in accordance with their liquor license. Supported by Member Hendrick. AYES: Fuss, Flynn, Wilcox, Hendrick, Lent-Davis. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Resolution Declared Adopted.

A Motion by Supervisor Wilcox to allow the discussion of any increase in wages for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Supported by Trustee Flynn. Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

A Motion by Trustee Flynn to pay our Election workers \$20.00 per hour. Supported by Member Fuss.
Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kim Culbertson asked if we knew the location of the bio digester. Bruce Meekhof asked if the Bio Digester Ordinance could be amended during the process. The Township Board has the authority to seek ordinance amendments. Ashley Roe asked how many people are below the poverty level within our township. There is only one.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Wilcox shared the desire for communities to keep control over Wind and Solar Energy at the local level. Trustee Fuss asked if there was going to be reimbursement for the Presidential Primary. We will be billing all costs back to the State following the election.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Trustee Flynn to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Clerk Hendrick.
Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.