

BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ROBERT FLYNN – TRUSTEE

ORHERS PRESENT: STEVE HANSON – SGS
LAUREN RINVELT – Alto/Bowne Fire Department
JEFF WHEELER – Alden Nash
KATIE WHEELER – Alden Nash
CHRIS MEEKHOF – 84th Street
LEIGH CHICK – Wingeier Ave

The regular monthly meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held on Monday, January 20, 2025, 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 Trustee Fuss. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion by Trustee Fuss to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 16, 2025. Supported by Treasurer Lent-Davis. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

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

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR JANUARY 2025:

Motion by Clerk Hendrick the monthly bills be allowed and paid for January 2025, including the invoices for the sewer treatment projects. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

The Supervisor Meeting last Monday discussed new siren software upgrade in 2026. Cost is unknown at this time and will depend on our current siren.

The sewer is going well, and all the new equipment has been installed and is operating. Testing on the new equipment will begin soon and we are hopeful the results will be acceptable.

TREASURER COMMENTS: The upgrade to BSA Cloud is now complete. Everything is going well and it's very efficient. Our new financial modules will be adding on in May. By Summer, our residents will have the option to pay online.

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CLERK'S COMMENTS:

BOWNE TOWNSHIP FIRE REPORT: 14 calls in December. In 2024 we had 248 calls total, which is down from 2023 ending in 275 calls and in 2022 there were 296 calls.

The new hires just took their midterms.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Freeport Fire ran 15 calls in December. There was 1 call in Bowne Township.

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

There were 3 building permits issued with a total valuation of \$429,054.30.

MINUTES: DDA

SEWER REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wilcox is working with Hoeksema's to secure a farm lease agreement for the small amount of farmland surrounding the township buildings.

Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, a Motion by Trustee Flynn to approve the conditional rezoning of SGS Property from R5 to R3. Supported by Clerk Hendrick. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gabridge & Company Quote for the 2024 Audit. We will revisit when we receive additional quotes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Flyer for Children's Vision Testing and Playground Equipment Flyer presented by Supervisor Wilcox. This is information he received during the January DDA Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chris Meekhof expressed concern over the lights on one of our firefighters' personal vehicles not being very bright. Thus, causing difficulty realizing the need to pull over, allowing them to pass.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Treasurer Lent Davis is curious about the broadband opportunities discussed at the Supervisor's Meeting.

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With our new upgraded to BSA Cloud, there is a chance we could change our payroll from paper checks to Direct Deposit. In the event we are interested in this opportunity, having the emails of the firefighters would be beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Clerk Hendrick to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Trustee Fuss. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 P.M.