

Banks Township Board Annual Meeting
April 17, 1995

held at the Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth, Michigan

1. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Daniel Wieland at 7:00 PM. Board members present included Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustee Gary Strange. Trustee Peter VanderArk arrived at 7:25 P.M. Also present: Larry Essenberg, Mark Groenink, Eric Wisniewski of Antrim County News.
2. The minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting were reviewed. MOTION Strange, Veenstra, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. Financial Reports of the General, Fire, Vehicle and Liquor Funds were presented and questions answered. The Budgets for the 1994-95 fiscal year were presented and comments received.
4. Salaries: The proposed salaries for the 1995-96 year are: Supervisor \$6,000, Assessor \$10,000, Clerk \$8,500, Treasurer \$7,500, Trustees \$1,400. MOTION Mark Groenink, Support by Dan Wieland to adopt the salaries as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Supervisor Wieland presented former Fire Chief Larry Essenberg with a plaque in recognition of his service as Fire Chief in 1993-94.
6. Supervisor's Report was given. Spring Clean Up is scheduled for June 10. Will have collection bins for some recyclables too. Completion of the new Parking Lot at the Township Hall is planned for in the budget. Also furnace improvements at the Township Hall. Plans for a new Atwood Fire Hall will be reviewed at the regular meeting in preparation for advertising for bids. Bill Austin has expressed an interest in improving Premore Road to snowplow specifications. Supervisor will contact Road Commission for cost estimate. Sixty new buildings were added to the Tax Roll in 1994. Announced that the Catholic Cemetery is owned by the Gaylord Diocese as discovered when tax bills were sent for the Bellaire Dam Assessment. Plans for purchase of a new mower for use at the cemeteries and park were announced. Master Plan is being developed and written and Planning Commission is in the process of interviewing and hiring a consultant to complete the written document. Acquisition of the Jones Property by the County with a joint County/Township management plan is progressing. The past several months have been spent writing grants, updates to the Recreation Plans and the management plan. Approval of the grant application by the DNR is expected in 1995.
7. Fire Dept.: Chief Mark Groenink reported that the number of runs is down since November. Announced that the DNR grant

that was applied for to purchase a generator was approved for \$800. Announced that the anonymous donation received last spring was used to purchase a new Jaws of Life. Reinforced the ban on issuance of Burn Permits from April 15 to May 15.

8. Public Comments: None.

9. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres, Clerk