

Banks Township Board Annual Meeting
April 15, 1996

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 and Trustee Peter VanderArk. Also present: Mark Groenink, Ken Groesser, Dave Heeres, Chet Drenth, Shaun Gardner, Susanne Gardner, Brenda Powers, Marlene Drenth, Bob Vollmer, Janet Rasmussen, Scott Vollmer, Tex Drenth, Jerry Rasmussen, Joan Bolser, Nelson Spoelman, Ronald Hext, John Hastings, Al Veenstra, Bill Austin, Cindy Ruis, Larry Essenberg, Joni Wieland, John A. Elzinga.
2. The minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting were reviewed. MOTION Wieland, VanderArk, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Treasurer's Report of Year End Balances was given.
4. Financial Reports of the General, Fire, Vehicle and Liquor Funds were presented and questions answered. The Budgets for the 1996-97 fiscal year were presented and comments received.
5. Salaries: The proposed salaries for the 1996-97 year are: Supervisor \$6,000, Supervisor/Assessor \$17,500, Clerk \$8,750, Treasurer \$7,750, Trustees \$1,500. MOTION Dave Heeres, Supported by Mark Groenink, to adopt the salaries as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Supervisor's Report was given. The new Parking Lot at the Township Hall is scheduled to be paved by the end of May. The Township's Annual Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for June 22. The Land Information System (LIS) committee will begin work this week on collection of data to include in the system. This computer system will be available for residents and visitors to access information about the Banks Township area including businesses, recreation opportunities, community events, as well as historical data, information about zoning, wells, septic systems, etc. Estimated completion date is November 1996. The Jones Property on Grand Traverse Bay has been acquired for public use through cooperation of Antrim County and Banks Township in cooperation with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. A joint management commission will oversee the development of recreational areas within the "Antrim Creek Natural Area". This is an Election year. All Township Offices are up for election. Nominating petitions are available from the Township Clerk and must be filed by May 14. Antrim County has notified the Township of plans to "skip pave" and reseal Essex Road. It is the #1 priority in the county for repair this year. Pleasant Hill Road will be improved to provide for better drainage. The new Atwood Fire Hall is complete

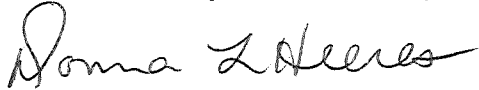
except for paving which will be completed this spring. An open house is planned for 1996. Positions on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of ~~Appeals~~^{Review} are open. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the supervisor.

7. Fire Dept.: Chief Mark Groenink reported that the number of rescue runs since November 1 is 25, up one from a year ago. Fire runs total 19, up 9 from one year ago. Membership numbers the same with a equal new members for those who have left the Department.

8. Public Comments: Marlene Drenth addressed the Board on behalf of many of the members of the audience. Concern for maintaining CB North Bank in the community was the issue.

9. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres, Clerk