

Banks Township Annual Meeting
April 19, 1993
held at the Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth, Michigan

1. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Daniel Wieland at 7:30 PM. Board members present included Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustees Peter VanderArk and Gary Strange. Also present Don Connell, Dave Heeres, Willard VanderArk, Jerry Rasmussen, Jim Veenstra, Suzanne Dalton, Luann & John Gerring, John Elzinga, Bruce Chellis.
2. The minutes of the 1992 Annual meeting were read. MOTION Don Connell, supported by Bruce Chellis and CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Financial Reports for the General, Fire, Vehicle and Liquor Funds was presented by the Clerk and questions were addressed.
4. The Proposed Budgets for all Funds were presented and questions were addressed.
5. Salaries: The Township Board resolution of February 1993 included no increases. Question was raised by Dave Heeres if studies have been done of nearby townships. This has not been done, but was recognized as a good idea. MOTION was made by Bruce Chellis, supported by Jim Veenstra to approve the salary schedule as is. CARRIED. YEAS:9 NAYS:1 from the audience.
6. Supervisor's Report: Atwood Road to be completed this summer, to be closed for about one month, following the 4th of July, plan completion by Sept. 15. Spring Clean up set for June 12 with drop off points at Ellsworth School and in Atwood at former Bank Site. Planning Board meeting with Marion and Norwood in joint effort to develop Master Plan & Zoning Ordinance revision. Fire Dept. has been updated with 4 trucks purchased, 3 have been sold, increase in training. Election to be held June 2 on tax reform for property tax and sales tax. Supervisor recognized John Elzinga who retired as Township Treasurer after 20 years, Willard VanderArk who retired as County Commissioner, and Don Connell who is chairman of the Board of Review.
7. Public Comments: Willard VanderArk on behalf of a "Coffee drinkers" group expressed concern that the Good Samaritan Resale Shop is being forced out of the old fire hall. The situation was explained to him and he was referred to Mary Peterson of the Good Samaritan for further clarification. Don Connell commended the Township Board on the job done to hold down costs/taxes and still provide services. John Elzinga questioned the new Atwood fire hall project. The group was informed of progress and plans.
8. MOTION Don Connell, supported by Dave Heeres, to adjourn. CARRIED. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Heeres, Clerk

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