

Banks Township Board Annual Meeting
April 18, 1994
held at the Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth, Michigan

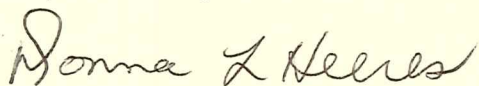
1. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Daniel Wieland at 7:00 PM. Board members present included Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustee Peter VanderArk. Absent Trustee Gary Strange. Also Don Connell, Larry Essenberg, Conrad Freidman, John Elzinga, Bill Austin, Willard VanderArk, Jerry Tornga, Jack Tornga, Ken Groesser, Max Bolser. Keith Matheny of Antrim County News.
2. The minutes of the 1993 Annual Meeting were read. MOTION Don Connell, John Elzinga, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Treasurer's Report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund balance: \$176,833.91; Fire Fund: \$59,993.22; Vehicle Fund: \$12,503.00; Liquor Fund: \$2,215.96; Grand Total: \$251,596.09.
4. 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.
5. Salary Scale: Supervisor Wieland explained that a study of salaries of elected officials within the county was done and compared to those duties and salaries of Banks Township officials. The proposed salaries for the 1994-95 year are: Supervisor/Assessor \$14,000, Clerk \$8,500, Treasurer \$7,200, \$8,500 if collects Summer Taxes, Trustees \$1,200. MOTION Don Connell, Support by John Elzinga to adopt the salaries as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Supervisor's Report was given. Items presented were the property tax laws that were changed, Homestead Exemption forms deadline extended to May 1, Atwood property donation by FMB Northwestern Bank and plans for construction of a new fire station, Zoning/Planning Commission work on preparing a Master Plan, Atwood Road improvements completed, Township Hall renovations including windows & parking lot, Clean Up Day scheduled for June 11 this year, Recycling proposal from A-1 Sanitation.
7. Cemeteries: Trustee VanderArk reported on projects including improvement of the storage building at Antrim City Cemetery with new doors, siding, floor & marker stones being repaired. Ellsworth Cemetery will get some more new shrubs.
8. Fire Dept.: Chief Larry Essenberg reported that the dept responds to 80 to 100 calls per year, half rescue, half fire. He announced the DNR Ban on Burning from April 16 thru May

15. The new computer system is being used to generate run reports for the State and to log maintenance records.

9. Public Comments: a) Bill Austin addressed the Board re: Pleasant Hill Road. He would like to have the pavement continued another mile at least. He was advised of the usual policy of the County Road Commission of 50/50 split with the Township for improvements to gravel roads and 100% cost to Township for paving. Supervisor announced that Antrim Dells Association is planning paving of their private roads this summer and has requested improvements be made to Antrim Lane, a public road. Supervisor will contact the Road Commission about these items. b) Jerry Tornga addressed the Board wondering if cuts will be needed due to the decrease in anticipated revenues. He was informed that revenues are considered when planning for expenditures. c) Willard VanderArk addressed the Board supporting Conrad Friedman for District One County Commissioner. d) Conrad Friedman gave information about his background and plans to run again for County Commissioner. e) Ken Groesser addressed the Board re: the Spring Cleanup and why it is in June. He was advised that this is the earliest date available but more importantly that summer residents and taxpayers have an opportunity to also use the service.

10. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres, Clerk