

Banks Township Board Minutes

April 23, 2001

- 1. Supervisor Daniel Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Banks Township Hall. Present were Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustees Peter VanderArk and Marvin Rubingh. Also present Bob Gandolfi, Lee Wolgast, Cindy Busman. The meeting had been rescheduled from April 16 due to conflicts.**
- 2. The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION Rubingh, Veenstra, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.**
- 3. The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund: \$311,400.42; Fire Fund: \$153,820.51; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00; Liquor Fund: \$1965.00; Road Fund: \$46,402.66; Grand Total: \$532,292.59.**
- 4. Bob Gandolfi of Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, the township's insurance agent, addressed the board regarding coverage, cost, and other issues. He announced that Burnham and Flower Agency is now selling the ParPlan policies. Adjustments in coverage were recommended on the fire vehicles and equipment. Increase the coverage on buildings to and contents to \$4,000; 1999 Freightliner to \$175,000, decrease 1985 Pumper to \$55,000, decrease 1978 IHC to \$55,000, increase tankers to \$65,000 each, Grass Rig to remain at \$15,000. Total increase to be \$30,000. Does not expect an adjustment in premium for this year. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to approve the adjustments to the township insurance coverage.**
- 5. Lee Wolgast addressed the board on several issues including the condition of Old Dixie Highway and Rex Beach Road. He is representing the homeowners in Timberlane Terrace Subdivision. Their annual meeting is June 30. He had questions on outcome of a Public Hearing held on March 8 regarding a cluster development on Old Dixie Highway. He was informed that the request was withdrawn prior to the hearing and the plan is now abandoned. He informed the supervisor of his willingness to serve on township boards and committees and will submit a letter detailing his experience.**
- 6. Cindy Busman, representative of the Pig Roast Committee, addressed the board about the festival this year. The following committee was appointed by the board to oversee the festival this year: Cindy Busman, chairman, Irene Shooks, Chris Wilhelm, Tom Cooper, Deb Burke, Louise Klooster, Joni Bolser, Irene Hizelberger, Hud Drenth. MOTION VanderArk, Heeres, CARRIED to approve the committee appointments. MOTION VanderArk, Wieland, CARRIED to contribute \$500 to the festival to help fund the events.**
- 7. Fire Board: Meeting was held this evening. Minutes of the meeting were reviewed. The department is investigating costs involved with a cell telephone**

for the fire truck. Looking for another medical vehicle and has contacted the DNR. Reimbursement research has discovered Central Lake Twp firemen receive \$8.20 per run and \$8.20 per hour; Eastport \$10 per run and \$10 an hour after the first two hours. The Fire Board recommended an increase to \$8.50 per run and \$8.50 per hour including training and \$8.50 per meeting. This is an increase of 14%. MOTION Rubingh, Wieland, CARRIED to approve the minutes and reimbursement as recommended by the Fire Board. Increase to be effective May 1, 2001.

8. **Atwood Cemetery:** Map has been prepared for the expansion section. Clerk to order new flags for the cemeteries, Fire Hall, and Township Hall.
9. **American Tower Corporation:** Supervisor reports attorney has notified him that the company owes us \$34,555.35 in lease and co-location fees, including late fees. He recommends no negotiation on new contract until the money is received and even then he recommends no change be made.
10. **Roads:** Norwood Township Supervisor Wayne Boss has contacted Supervisor regarding paving of Richardson Road. Estimated cost is \$82,400. They are asking Banks Township to fund ½ of the cost. MOTION VanderArk, Heeres, CARRIED to approve the expenditure contingent upon receipt of the \$34,000 from the Tower Company and authorize the supervisor to sign a contract with Norwood Township to have the work done. Balance of the funds to come from the Road Fund.
11. **MTA Spring District meetings schedule was shared.** Announced that Central Lake Township Clerk Lois Goltz died unexpectedly this month. Supervisor and Clerk attended services. Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the E-911 system will be held July 10 at 10 AM. Copies of the proposed changes were distributed. Antrim Conservation District has contacted the Township and advised of availability of Project Crews this summer. Tex Drenth has approached the Board with a request for donation to the Boys Basketball Program in exchange for their services cleaning up along the roadways extending one mile each direction from the village of Ellsworth. MOTION VanderArk, Wieland, CARRIED to contribute \$150. Summer Rec Program with Village of Ellsworth: MOTION VanderArk, Heeres, CARRIED to contribute \$3000 as budgeted. Red Cross Bloodmobile on March 27 was successful in collecting 26 units.
12. **Zoning Violation:** Letter from Zoning Administrator Doris Pearl to Candy Bishaw regarding violation i.e. old house trailer on property was reviewed. In hands of the attorney and zoning administrator at present.
13. **Planning Commission:** Public Hearing on proposed map and language amendments to be scheduled soon. On the question of size of the Planning

Commission, learned from County Planning Dept that the Township Board may set the number of members anywhere between 5 and 9.

14. **Central Lake Waste Receiving Station: Letter from Central Lake Township regarding the increase in cost of Coupon Booklets from \$15 to \$20 effective April 1, 2001.**
15. **Census Bureau: Figures for Banks Township shows and increase in population from 1513 to 1813 in the past 10 years. (up 19%)**
16. **Cemetery: VanderArk reports need of new weed trimmer for \$136, leaf blower for \$136. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to purchase both. Will also be getting roll of fencing for the Antrim City and Atwood Cemeteries. Plans for construction of a memorial at the Atwood Cemetery are being developed.**
17. **Ambulance Services: Supervisor reports that Life Link is abandoning service in Antrim County 12/31/01. Supervisors from all townships gathered to discuss the situation. It was decided that the townships that are directly affected would negotiate their own contracts with alternate ambulance services, like we do already.**
18. **Mileage: Clerk requested increase in mileage reimbursement to the Federally recommended level of 34.5 cents per mile. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED.**
19. **MTA county chapter meeting will be held April 24 in Central Lake Township at 7 PM.**
20. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION VanderArk, Veenstra, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.**
21. **Newsletters were labeled and sorted for mailing.**
22. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres

Banks Township
Check Register April 2001

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1265	4/22/01	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Compressed Air	206-726-72600	42.30
1266	4/22/01	Antrim County Clerk Computer Services	101-258-80100	185.62
1267	4/22/01	Antrim County Plann County Planning Work	101-410-95500	15.00
1268	4/22/01	Atwood Mini Mart In FD Gasoline	206-726-95700	11.00
1269	4/22/01	Banks Township Fire Rescue Dept Glucomet	101-652-72600	41.95
1270	4/22/01	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Payment April, 2	Several Accounts	868.99
1271	4/22/01	Donna L. Heeres Printer Supplies, Ne	Several Accounts	84.97
1272	4/22/01	Ellsworth Farmers E Twp Hall LP, Cem Gas,	Several Accounts	627.04
1273	4/22/01	Great Lakes Energy Atwood Street Lights	101-448-92100	105.98
1274	4/22/01	Marion Williams Mileage to Workshop	101-410-95500	11.04
1275	4/22/01	Northern MI Welding Rescue Dept O2	101-652-72600	6.98
1276	4/22/01	Penfold Ace Hardwar Twp Hall Thermostat	101-265-95500	59.99
1277	4/22/01	Rural Rescue Educat Farm Medic Training	101-652-72000	120.00
1278	4/22/01	Tom's Repair Cemetery Truck & FD	Several Accounts	268.86
1279	4/22/01	WM of Michigan - No Township Hall Dumpst	101-265-95500	63.80
1280	4/22/01	Work 'n Play Shop Cemetery Mower- Spar	101-276-72600	2.94
1281	4/22/01	Young, Graham & Els Quarterly Contract F	Several Accounts	729.25
1282	4/22/01	AT&T Twp & FD Long Distan	101-101-95400	16.82
1283	4/22/01	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, Bank, FD	Several Accounts	247.87
1284	4/22/01	Northwest MI Commun Twp Hall Food Licens	101-265-95500	100.00
1285	4/22/01	Verizon North Twp Hall 588-6126	101-101-95400	38.31
1286	4/23/01	BTCC Pig Roast Donation for Kids Ga	101-890-95500	500.00
1287	4/23/01	Daniel J. Wieland Newsletter Printing,	Several Accounts	260.78
1288	4/23/01	Tex Drenth Boys Basketball Team	101-411-95500	150.00
1289	4/23/01	Village of Ellswort Summer Recreation Pr	101-752-95500	3,000.00
1290	4/23/01	Xerox Corporation Copier Maint Agreeeme	101-101-95400	17.00
1291	4/30/01	Northwest MI Commun Twp Hall Kitchen Li	101-265-95500	13.00
1292	4/30/01	U.S. Postmaster Postage on Newsletter	101-411-95500	148.82
		Net cash for fund 101		-7,232.68
		Net cash for fund 206		-505.63
		Total		-7,738.31