

Banks Township Board

Monday, April 26, 2004

1. Supervisor Dan Wieland called the Regular meeting of the Banks Township Board to order at 7:30 PM at the Township Hall. Present were Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustee Marvin Rubingh and Trustee Thomas Mann. Also present: Dan VanSoosten, Tom McManus, Steve & Madalyn Hicks, Bill Austin, John Hastings. Pete VanderArk arrived at 8:05 PM.
2. The Minutes of the last regular Board meeting were read. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Treasurer's report of incomes and balances was given. General Fund Balance: \$236,498.74 with \$100,000 due from the Fire Fund; Fire Fund Balance: \$127,681.92, with \$100,000 due the General Fund; Roads Fund Balance: \$57,600.26; Liquor Fund Balance: \$1,574.33; Grand Total: \$423,415.26.
4. The Newsletters were mailed today. Approximately 1200 were mailed. May 22 is Clean Up Day. Warren Solgot has contacted the Supervisor asking for funds to defray his gasoline costs as he hauls our steel free. Discussed at length. Metal prices are up significantly this year. No action taken.
5. Roads: Bill Austin and John Hastings, members of the Roads Committee reported on the committee's recommendations. Clerk reported that three letters (from Kessler's and petition by all owners) and numerous telephone calls have been received from residents on Brinker Road about the condition of Banks Township Park Road. Also communication has been received about the poor to dangerous condition of Scott Road (letters from Clyde Foles and Emily Henry) , Lakeshore Drive and Tyrrell Beach Road. All gravel roads within the township are in terrible condition due to the wet spring, multiple grading by the county and lack of gravel on them. Dan VanSoosten, resident of the Old Dixie Highway area, stated that the roads have been over-graded this year contributing to the mess. Steve Hicks, resident of Lakeshore Drive, reports that road is also in poor condition and he would like to see it paved soon. Supervisor has contacted the county road commission for bids on placing gravel on the gravel roads to improve the safety of the roads. The Board reviewed the Road Committee recommendations and the bids to pave the various roads around the township. Decided to first try to save the gravel roads and then see what funds remain for paving. Supervisor will contact the county road commission and get estimates for gravelling. He was authorized to have Scott, Lakeshore, Tyrrell Beach and Banks Township Park Roads graveled ASAP. Will plan to review the costs and estimates for paving at the May meeting. Also, will set the millage rate for the renewal request at the May meeting.
6. Cemeteries & Park: VanderArk reported that he would like to purchase a leaf sweep for behind the mower. He recommends a Husquvarna 45" that is available for \$259.95 from Hammonds in Bay Shore. Also, park grills need replacing of the grill portion. Cost to replace the units (4) is \$142 each. Not sure of cost to replace just the grills. Black Dirt is needed at Antrim City Cemetery. VanderArk was authorized to order what he needs. Atwood Cemetery needs tilling of new section and seeding before placing the lot markers. He reports that the markers will be ordered from

- Eaton and will be delivered in 6 weeks. The re-numbering of the old section is completed. Ellsworth & Atwood Cemeteries both in need of young trees to plan ahead for the older ones that are dying and need to be removed. VanderArk was authorized to contact McPherson's and Porcupine Hill for availability of red and sugar maple trees to plant there and have the work done. A bid from John Deere Company for a JD LX 280 tractor with 42" mower deck was received for \$2910.29. Also, two string trimmers for \$189 each. MOTION Heeres, Rubingh, CARRIED to purchase the tractor/mower and string trimmers from John Deere/Work & Play Shop, the Leaf Sweep from Hammonds, and replace the 4 grills at the park. VanderArk was authorized to order the black dirt, and have the trees planted at the cemeteries.
7. MTA County Chapter meeting will be held April 27 at Torch Lake Township. Candidates for 105th State Rep are expected to be present. Howard Yamaguchi of the Coordinator/Planner's Office will give a presentation on township websites.
 8. Banks Township Website: Up and running. BANKSTOWNSHIP.Net is the address. Installation of Broadband is close. Deb Hughes was again applauded for her work in making the website happen. Email accounts will be set up soon.
 9. Planning Commission: a) Special Approval Public Hearing on the Corps' request to have a candle making business from their home was modified so that a Hearing was actually not required. Since the notices had been sent, the public present was allowed to give their comments. b) Zoning Administrator is now requiring elevations with permits. This is an effort to avoid controversy of overhangs being in the setback portion. c) The Planning Commission is working on amendment to the definition of setback to clarify the ordinance. d) Signs: A proposal from Signs Unlimited of Yale, MI was received for 6 signs that are 4ft x 2 ft of 3/4" plywood. Depending upon the design complexity (three samples were provided), the cost would be \$1470, \$1770 or \$2070. The aluminum signs were quoted at \$624 for all 6 signs. Will have a few more suggestions by next meeting. Rubingh made a suggestion that we advertise a community wide garage sale the week before Clean Up day next year.
 10. Clean Up Day: Set for May 21 next year. Will advertise from 9 AM to 2 PM.
 11. Financial Report: Clerk presented the un-audited financial reports for 2003-04. We are due for an audit this year. MOTION Wieland, Heeres, CARRIED to sign the letter of engagement with Baird, Cotter & Bishop and request the audit be conducted ASAP.
 12. Salaries/Wages: MOTION Heeres, Veenstra, CARRIED to increase the salary for the person collecting summer taxes to \$3500 per year. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to increase the cemetery & park workers wages to \$9.50/10.50/12 per hour effective today. Personnel will remain at the same level they currently are. MOTION Rubingh, Wieland, CARRIED to increase the janitor's salary to \$325 per month effective May 1. MOTION Heeres, Veenstra, CARRIED to increase the reimbursement for Planning Commission and ZBA to \$40 per meeting for members and \$50 for the Chairman. Additionally, the secretary will be increased to \$13 per hour. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to increase the compensation for election workers to \$10 per hour and \$12 per hour for the chairman. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to increase the compensation for the Board of Review members to \$25 for the 1st hour, \$50 for 1/2 day, \$90 for a full day. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to increase the Assessor's salary by 3% effective April 1, 2004.

13. ACNA: Meeting to be held May 10.

14. Nominating Petitions are available from the clerk for township board positions for November 2004-2008.

15. Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment.

MOTION Heeres, Mann CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.

16. Supervisor reported that he will be out of town from April 28 until May 9.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres

Banks Township Clerk

Banks Township
Check Register for April 200

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
2692	4/26/04	A D Assessing, Inc. Assessor	101-173-70100	1,414.58
2693	4/26/04	Antrim County Clerk Data Pro	101-258-80100	99.42
2694	4/26/04	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Paym	Several Accounts	511.65
2695	4/26/04	Charlevoix State Ba Fire Truc	206-726-93100	45,224.17
2696	4/26/04	Consumers Energy Twp Hall	Several Accounts	229.00
2697	4/26/04	Daniel J. Wieland Newsletter	Several Accounts	307.44
2698	4/26/04	Dennis Penfold ZBA VanDe	101-410-70100	55.00
2699	4/26/04	Donna L. Heeres ZBA, New	Several Accounts	471.01
2700	4/26/04	Ellsworth Farmers E Cem Gas	Several Accounts	83.39
2701	4/26/04	Emergency Medical P Rescue	Several Accounts	514.91
2702	4/26/04	Grand Traverse Gara FD Gara	206-920-92100	50.00
2703	4/26/04	Hilltop Repair & PI Cemetery	101-276-72600	73.00
2704	4/26/04	Jack Danbert ZBA VanDe	101-410-70100	50.00
2705	4/26/04	Jim Wilhelm ZBA VanDev	101-410-70100	50.00
2706	4/26/04	John A. Fant Liquor Inspe	212-212-80200	50.00
2707	4/26/04	John Hastings Refund on	101-400-66700	200.00
2708	4/26/04	Jordan Valley Distr Library Vo	101-753-96503	40.00
2709	4/26/04	Linde Gas LLC FD Compre	206-726-72700	43.54
2710	4/26/04	M.C. Planning & Des Zoning C	Several Accounts	884.74
2711	4/26/04	Michigan Assn of Ce Members	101-276-95500	30.00
2712	4/26/04	Morning Star Publis Printing &	Several Accounts	84.00
2713	4/26/04	Nancy Ritsema ZBA VanD	101-410-70100	50.00
2714	4/26/04	Northern MI Welding Rescue	101-652-72600	7.88
2715	4/26/04	O TEC FD Antenna	206-726-95500	73.00
2716	4/26/04	Robert Person FD Snowplo	206-920-92100	606.00
2717	4/26/04	Stephen C. Hicks ZBA VanD	101-410-70100	50.00
2718	4/26/04	Tex Drenth Clean Up Bo	101-411-95500	150.00
2719	4/26/04	Tom's Repair Cemetery T	Several Accounts	191.95
2720	4/26/04	Verizon North Twp Hall, F	Several Accounts	145.49
2721	4/26/04	Work 'n Play Shop Lawn Trac	Several Accounts	3,288.29
2722	4/26/04	Xerox Corporation Township	101-101-95400	17.00
2723	4/26/04	Young, Graham & Els Attorne	Several Accounts	1,104.75
		Net cash for fund 101		-9,925.77
		Net cash for fund 206		-46,174.44
		Net cash for fund 212		-50.00
		Total		-56,150.21