

# **Banks Township Board Minutes**

**August 20, 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: Fire Chief Mark Groenink, Travis Chellis, John Hastings.**
- 2. The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION Wieland, Veenstra, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.**
- 3. The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund Balance: \$316,056.47; Fire Fund: \$148,653.17; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00; Liquor Fund: \$1,640.00; Grand Total: \$485,053.64.**
- 4. Tower: Letter from attorney Kevin Elsenheimer to the tower company requesting copies of the co-location agreements was shared.**
- 5. Roads: Clerk reported contact with Michigan Townships Association regarding procedure for requesting a lowering of speed limits on roads within the county. It is not required that the State Police do a speed study as the County Road Commission told the township. We need to contact the county again with our request for lowering of the speed limit on the East Jordan Road. Central Lake Road is ready to be paved. Scheduled for this week. County Road Commission has completed their portion. Richardson Road paving is on hold due to conflict with Charlevoix County Road Commission. Old Dixie Highway & Rex Beach Road is to be completed this year.**
- 6. Bench: Clerk has contacted several stone masons and Phil Edwards has agreed to work with us on repairing or replacing the legs on the bench for the township hall.**
- 7. Fire Department: Fire Board did not have a quorum. Chief Groenink reported that the Fire Dept would like to purchase a 1992 Ford Ambulance vehicle with 55,600 miles to replace the current vehicle that has 136,000 miles. A bid to repaint the blue stripe on the new Rescue vehicle from blue to red was \$850 and \$650 for the lettering changes. The Dept has decided to not have the painting done and to have the lettering done locally. Cost of the vehicle is \$24,000. MOTION Veenstra, Rubingh, CARRIED to purchase the 1992 Ford Ambulance vehicle manufactured by Med Tec from Michigan First Response for \$24,000. Chief reported that the CO2 sensor has been received and brakes subject to recall have been repaired on the Freightliner vehicles. Awaiting estimate for heater for the meeting room.**

- 8. Sheriff Dept report: Travis Chellis presented the report for the month of July. There were 100 calls in Banks Township. He reported evidence of campfires in Banks Township Park and the ACNA. He has been patrolling the Antrim City Cemetery regularly. The Canine unit is up and going. Fire Dept discussed difficulties encountered when no sheriff deputies were available on a Sunday afternoon for traffic control when a power line was down. Fire Dept personnel were on the scene for 7 hours. Question on financial responsibility was discussed as well as potential difficulty should a fire run have been called while personnel and trucks were tied up with traffic control. Travis reported that speed studies are being conducted around the county.**
- 9. Supervisor reported that a meeting of the Area Improvement Committee was held on August 14 with Tom Johnson. A community meeting is planned for Monday September 24 from 6 to 9 PM at the township hall. Discussion regarding community needs including senior housing will be held. A follow-up meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 1.**
- 10. MTA Chapter: Picnic set for Saturday August 25 at 1 PM at the Torch Lake Township Day Park.**
- 11. Antrim County Planning Commission: No quorum so did not review proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Clerk reports new maps have been ordered to reflect the changes.**
- 12. MTA Meeting on Fire Department 101 is scheduled for October 11 in Grayling.**
- 13. DEQ Permit: Received copy of permit for dredging of the river between St. Clair and Ellsworth Lakes. Also, permit for Richard Fales to fill a wetland on Wilson Lake. Lange driveway permit over Guyer Creek was approved.**
- 14. Soil Erosion Permits issued in past 1-2 months were received and reviewed.**
- 15. Zoning Board of Appeals: Zoning Board of Appeals hearing set for September 5 on variance request from Maureen Frey for setback variance to permit a garage. Also, after the fact setback variance requested by Bruce & Julee Gould for a house. Both properties are in Timberlane Terrace subdivision.**
- 16. Historical Book: Compiled by the Humanities Class of the High School was published and is distributed free of charge. Many individuals and businesses contributed to cover the cost of the printing. Banks Township was not asked to contribute. The supply of these books is dwindling. Clerk contacted the teacher Michelle Fox to investigate the Township subsidizing a second printing. Estimated cost of each book is \$8 to \$10, depending upon quantity ordered. More information to come.**

17. **Cemeteries:** Atwood Cemetery needs driveway placed into new section. 360 linear feet at 12 ft wide. Will need culvert at the road. Need driveway permit from county. VanderArk and Groenink will work together to make it happen. VanderArk reports the markers at the Antrim City Cemetery are being repaired. Many were damaged over the years. The township park is in good shape and is used a lot.
18. **Planning Commission:** No word from County Planning Commission on proposed amendments to zoning ordinance. Rubingh reports the owner of the RV on Rex Beach Road appeared at the last meeting questioning the violation notice he received. The ordinance states that a RV can't exceed 60 days in a calendar year on a site. The owner has placed an electric service. Size of the Planning Commission: MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to have the Planning Commission remain at 5 members.
19. **Clean Up Day:** Rubingh reported that batteries could be collected and Ellsworth Farmers Exchange will pay township 10 cents to \$3 each for them. Also, tires could be collected and the Farmers Exchange would accept them at a cost of \$800 per semi load to the township. Waste oil could also be collected. Mike Goodwin has agreed to purge refrigerators at a cost of \$15 each if all at one site. Warren Solgot would take all scrap metals. These services could impact the cost of the clean up day as well as provide a service to rid the township of these wastes.
20. **Discussed billing for services:** Clerk will contact MTA regarding who is responsible for costs incurred during traffic control when electric line was down across US 31 for 7 hours.
21. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment.** MOTION Wieland, Veenstra, CARRIED to pay the bills.
22. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Donna L. Heeres**  
**Banks Township Clerk**

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Check Register for August 2001**

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1409	8/20/01	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Compressed Air	206-726-72600	83.39
1410	8/20/01	Antrim County Treas Tax Tribunal Adj:Sto	101-899-96400	8.37
1411	8/20/01	Apollo Fire Equipme FD Equipt- Jaws	206-726-95500	29.61
1412	8/20/01	AT&T Long Distance Charge	Several Accounts	14.43
1413	8/20/01	Atwood Mini Mart In FD Gas	206-726-95700	92.10
1414	8/20/01	Central Lake Townsh Waste Station coupon	101-526-80000	600.00
1415	8/20/01	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Payment Aug 2001	Several Accounts	1,024.29
1416	8/20/01	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, BankBldg,	Several Accounts	188.43
1417	8/20/01	Donna L. Heeres ZBA Prep & Pstg	101-410-95500	148.60
1418	8/20/01	Ellsworth Farmers E Twp Hall Prepay LP 2	101-265-95500	2,300.00
1419	8/20/01	Ellsworth Farmers E FD Prepay LP 2000 ga	206-920-92000	2,300.00
1420	8/20/01	Ellsworth Farmers E Cemetery & FD Heat	Several Accounts	87.16
1421	8/20/01	Emergency Medical P Rescue Supplies	101-652-72600	100.65
1422	8/20/01	Great Lakes Energy Atwood Street Lights	101-448-92100	211.96
1423	8/20/01	Groenink's Inc. FD Truck Repair part	206-726-93000	54.24
1424	8/20/01	Heiman Fire Equipme FD Adapter & cap	206-726-72600	80.65
1425	8/20/01	John A. Fant Liquor Inspections 7	212-212-80200	75.00
1426	8/20/01	John Hastings Twp Hall Supplies, F	Several Accounts	115.57
1427	8/20/01	Marion Williams Planning Commission	101-410-95500	10.00
1428	8/20/01	Michigan First Resp 1992 Used Ford Ambul	101-652-95500	24,000.00
1429	8/20/01	Northern Fire & Saf FD Scott Tank Refill	206-726-72600	21.50
1430	8/20/01	Northern MI Welding O2 for Rescue Dept	101-652-72600	83.13
1431	8/20/01	OTEC FD Charger	206-726-95500	56.05
1432	8/20/01	Public Safety Publi FD Gloves	206-726-72700	140.00
1433	8/20/01	Regions Interstate Cemetery Repairs	101-276-72600	75.70
1434	8/20/01	UpNorth Publication ZA subscription	101-410-95500	28.50
1435	8/20/01	Verizon North Telephones	Several Accounts	77.61
1436	8/20/01	WM of Michigan - No Twp Hall Dumpster	101-265-95500	165.17
1437	8/20/01	Xerox Corporation Maint agreement for	101-101-95400	17.00
		Net cash for fund 101		-28,978.75
		Net cash for fund 206		-3,135.36
		Net cash for fund 212		-75.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>-32,189.11</b>