

Banks Township Board Minutes

December 17, 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, and Trustee Marvin Rubingh. Trustee Peter VanderArk arrived at 7:50 PM. Also present: 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: \$257,981.20; Fire Fund: \$111,658.43; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00; Liquor Fund: 2,349.33; Roads: \$0; Grand Total: \$390,692.96. Taxes collected: \$276,599.99 to date.**
- 4. Fire Board: Meeting was held this evening. Identified needs include a Heater for the meeting room in Ellsworth Fire Hall. Bids of \$1600 from Hud Drenth, and \$1775 from Twin Valley for a 40,000 BTU wall heater, LP gas unit. Also, the department has an old gas generator that is no longer used and someone has expressed an interest in purchasing it. MOTION Wieland, Veenstra, CARRIED to approve hiring Hud Drenth to install the above mentioned heater for \$1600 and authorize the sale of the generator at a price to be negotiated by the chief with the buyer. Discussed charging for services for July 22 line down. Personnel costs were \$654.50. Additional expenses for the vehicles were incurred. Clerk has contacted MTA regarding the ability to charge for the services. Learned that an ordinance is required to be able to charge but that a letter could be written to Great Lakes Energy with the costs of to the township outlined and they may make some restitution. Will send letter to Great Lakes Energy with a CC to the Antrim County Sheriff's Dept. and also ask the Sheriff why the state police were not called to assist with traffic control at the scene as no sheriff dept cars were available.**
- 5. Township Hall: Janitor reports urinal is leaking. He has contacted Brad VanderArk to repair.**
- 6. Bank Building: Ceiling continues to leak; roof is intact. Rain is coming in under fascia on soffits, running onto old flat roof, then coming through the ceiling. Clerk has met with Brian Druckenmiller and Bud Person and both agree the roof is not the problem. Bud is available and willing to do the necessary repairs to the soffits, fascia, and false front of the building. Also, the siding could be done at this time. MOTION Wieland, VanderArk, CARRIED to proceed with the repairs to the fascia, soffits, and front of the building at this time and wait to do the siding.**
- 7. Cell Tower: Clerk reports conversation with Village President Hugh Campbell about cellular tower being constructed on village property near the water tower.**
- 8. Zoning: Rubingh reports the language amendments are going to be submitted separately for adoption. Public Hearing will be held Thursday, January 17. Map Amendment was**

approved by the Planning Commission and is presented to the Township Board for approval at this time. A resolution was offered by Heeres, supported by Rubingh, to adopt the ordinance for zoning map amendment. YEAS: Wieland, Rubingh, VanderArk, Veenstra, Heeres. NAYS: None. Resolution was declared adopted. Rubingh reported that the tower ordinance is being re-written as was never officially adopted. Planning Commission has agreed that RV's would be allowed for temporary dwellings provided they are currently licensed. Section on accessory structures is being re-written.

9. **Wetlands Ordinance:** County Commissioners approved by a 5-4 vote. Will not be in effect in townships with a wetland ordinance or a zoning ordinance that addresses wetlands use. Many residents are contesting the ordinance.
10. **Zoning:** Jolliffe application to ZBA for variance to allow mobile home has been submitted but then the applicant requested waiting for springtime for the hearing. Atwood Mini Mart ZBA application for sign variance to be heard January 8. Letter from Zoning Administrator to Chet Farrell regarding violation was circulated. Discussion on the Ritchey mobile home and blight ordinance violation on Central Lake road was held and will be referred to the zoning administrator. Discussion regarding allowance of house trailers in the township and need to investigate wording regarding the possibility of allowing upgrades to current trailers. MOTION Rubingh, Heeres, CARRIED to ask the Planning Commission to review this issue and propose amendments.
11. **Shale Pit on Rushton Road:** Learned that Siemex/Medusa plans to reopen the shale pit on Rushton Road.
12. **Clean Up Day:** Date set for May 11. Rubingh reported that the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange ^{will} pay us a small amount for batteries and uncontaminated oil. Also, for a fee will take tires that have been removed from the rims. Charge is \$900 per semi load. Warren Solgot will take all scrap metals. Mike Goodwin will purge refrigerators for a fee. Discussed newsletter and need to get articles together so can be mailed out earlier this year. Will include the date on the tax assessment change notices.
13. **Info Items:** Sheriff report of runs to township in December was reviewed. Commissioners Meetings minutes were distributed. Report of MTA County Chapter meeting on November 27 at Torch Lake Township and the plans for Christmas Party.
14. **Board of Review vacancy:** Supervisor reports that Gary Rubingh, long time member of the Board of Review has resigned effective 1/1/02. Will need a replacement soon.
15. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION** Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to pay the bills.
16. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.**
Respectfully submitted,

Soma L Heeres, Clerk

Banks Township
Check Register for December 2001

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1559	12/17/01	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Compressed Air	206-726-72600	41.09
1560	12/17/01	Antrim County Abstr Zoning Admin Expens	101-410-95500	2.00
1561	12/17/01	Antrim County Clerk Data Processing-Asse	101-258-80100	289.63
1562	12/17/01	Antrim County Treas Treasurer Tax Expens	101-253-95500	186.34
1563	12/17/01	Apollo Fire Apparat FD Repairs to Hurst	206-726-72800	137.00
1564	12/17/01	AT&T Twp Hall & FD long d	101-101-95400	13.21
1565	12/17/01	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Payment Nov 01	Several Accounts	1,101.57
1566	12/17/01	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, FD, BankBI	Several Accounts	265.16
1567	12/17/01	Daniel J. Wieland Miles & Postage - As	Several Accounts	32.27
1568	12/17/01	Donna L. Heeres Twp Hall Kitchen Equ	Several Accounts	100.85
1569	12/17/01	Doris Pearl Zoning Admin Expense	101-410-95500	181.27
1570	12/17/01	Ellsworth Farmers E Twp Hall LP, FD LP &	Several Accounts	279.02
1571	12/17/01	Emergency Medical P Rescue Equipment	101-652-72600	224.44
1572	12/17/01	Gary Rubingh Dec Bd of Review 1/2	101-247-70100	40.00
1573	12/17/01	Gary Strange Planning Commission	101-410-70100	75.00
1574	12/17/01	Jacob Veenstra Treasurer Copier & P	Several Accounts	246.62
1575	12/17/01	Marion Williams Planning Commission	101-410-70100	250.00
1576	12/17/01	Marvin Rubingh Planning Commission	101-410-70100	225.00
1577	12/17/01	N. Irene Shooks Planning Commission	Several Accounts	180.00
1578	12/17/01	Nancy Ritsema Planning Commission	101-410-70100	125.00
1579	12/17/01	Northern MI Welding RescueO2	101-652-72600	23.18
1580	12/17/01	Quill Corporation Office Supplies	101-101-95400	220.34
1581	12/17/01	Rudy Passehl Planning Commission	101-410-70100	200.00
1582	12/17/01	Sandy Alward Dec Bd of Review 1/2	101-247-70100	40.00
1583	12/17/01	Stamp Services Clerk Address Stamp	101-215-95500	23.80
1584	12/17/01	Sue Kessler Planning Commission	101-410-70100	225.00
1585	12/17/01	U.S. Postal Service Stamped Envelopes fo	Several Accounts	585.60
1586	12/17/01	Verizon North Twp Hall, FD telepho	Several Accounts	80.87
1587	12/17/01	WM of Michigan - No Twp Hall Dumpster	101-265-95500	63.36
1588	12/17/01	Person Construction Bank Building Renova	101-266-95500	3,000.00
		Net cash for fund 101		-7,988.42
		Net cash for fund 206		-469.20
		Total		-8,457.62