

Banks Township Board

Monday, February 16, 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: Fire Chief Mark Groenink, Insurance Agent Bob Gandolfi, John Hastings.
2. The Minutes of the last regular Board meeting were read. MOTION Mann, Rubingh, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Treasurer's report of incomes and balances was given. General Fund Balance: \$150,275.98 with \$100,000 due from the Fire Fund; Fire Fund Balance: \$36,252.06, with \$100,000 due the General Fund; Vehicle Fund Balance: \$0; Roads Fund Balance: \$48.68; Liquor Fund Balance: \$2,074.33: Grand Total: \$188,651.05. Veenstra announced he will be out of town from February 19 to the 26th. 1599 parcels have paid up taxes so far for a total of \$1,230,255.41. He received a letter from Central Lake Schools requesting we collect summer taxes for them. He informed them that the total taxes to be collected would be \$628. He discussed the costs versus the collections and they have decided to not collect summer taxes in Banks Township.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Insurance: Bob Gandolfi reviewed the township's policy for property and liability coverage. An increase of 7.5% in value of vehicles has occurred with the exchange of three vehicles. (cemetery truck and two pumpers) During the recent appraisal of township buildings, two buildings were discovered to be not listed on the policy.
6. The meeting was recessed at 8:07 PM.
7. Public Hearing on the proposed Fire District Budget for 2004-05 was convened at 8:08 PM.
8. Supervisor Wieland presented the proposed budget with rationale for the changes. The Board members had opportunity for input.
9. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:28 PM.
10. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:29 PM.
11. MTA Conference in Lansing: The Supervisor and Clerk gave a report on the 2004 conference.
12. Broadband Internet: Letter from Maylone Enterprises, Inc. was reviewed. Proposal is a three year pre-pay for internet service and web-hosting and installation of equipment. Plan is to install antennae on February 21 at Kiessel's Farm in Central Lake Township and on the Ellsworth Water Tower on February 28. A repeater may need to be installed at the Township Hall to service the downtown Ellsworth area. MOTION Rubingh, Heeres, CARRIED to require a contract with a breakdown of the prepayment before paying. Supervisor will contact Maylone.
13. American Tower: Attorney Kevin Elsenheimer has contacted American Tower Company on our behalf, requesting payment of co-location fees. A payment was received in December that represented only the annual lease payment for the site. They have not returned his calls. He requested permission to file a breach of contract

suit in Circuit Court. MOTION Wieland, Mann, CARRIED to give the attorney permission to file the suit against American Tower.

14. Board of Review: Historically, the Board of Review is held the first Monday after the second Tuesday in March. This year, townships are allowed to set alternative dates. The Assessors have requested we set Wednesday, March 10 from 9 to 3 and March 11 from 3 to 9. MOTION was made by Wieland, supported by Rubingh, CARRIED to approve the above dates for this year's Board of Review.
15. Compensation: MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to set the Supervisor's salary for the coming year at \$7,000. MOTION Wieland, Heeres, CARRIED to set the Clerk's salary for the coming year at \$11,500. MOTION Veenstra, Wieland, CARRIED to set the Treasurer's salary at \$9,500. MOTION Rubingh, Mann, CARRIED to set the Trustees' salaries at \$1,800. Discussed the salary for the deputy treasurer. Will set salary next month.
16. Fire Department: No Fire Report this month.
17. Planning Commission: Rubingh reports no Public Hearings are scheduled. Master Plan review is underway. Census data and goals are identified as areas to update. The proposed RV Amendment has been tabled. Amendments being drafted include 1) elimination of the R-2 district, 2) allow mobile homes in agricultural district, 3) allow additional residences, including mobile homes, on certain parcels in agricultural district, with restrictions, for Ag employee
18. County MTA Chapter meeting set for February 24 at 7:30 PM. Scott Everett will speak about the Farmland and Open Space Preservation. Antrim County Parks & Recreation Forum will be held March 12 at Hay-O-Wenta from 12:30 to 4 PM.
19. Benches & Trash Receptacles, Zoning Signs: Supervisor shared information gathered at the MTA conference for a bench and trash receptacle for outside the entrance door to the hall. Also, a quotation for 6 zoning signs, 2ft x 4ft of reflective material on steel posts for a cost of \$104 each. Will get prices for wood or carved signs from another vendor.
20. Elections: Clerk reports that the primary election for township, county, state and some federal offices will be held in August this year. Nomination petitions will be available in March and must be completed and submitted by early May.
21. Per Diem Reimbursements: Supervisor reports that many area townships pay per diem reimbursement for meals and attendance at training sessions, rather than actual cost reimbursements when receipts are submitted. He asked that we consider this option for our township.
22. Next meeting: Scheduled for Monday, March 15 at 7:30 PM. Another meeting may be held March 29, 30 or 31 to complete the fiscal year.
23. Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION Heeres, Rubingh, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.
24. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres
Banks Township Clerk

**BANKS TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION OF THE BANKS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION #R-2004-1

February 16, 2004

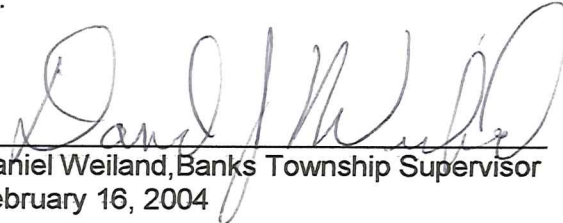
At a regular meeting of the BANKS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES held on February 16, 2004, the BANKS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, on a Motion made by Wieland, and seconded by Rubinyh, passed the following Resolution by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed:

WHEREAS, Public Act 194 of 2003, effective November 10, 2003 allows the Township Board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet

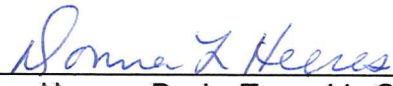
WHEREAS, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting date shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March;

WHEREAS, the Banks Township Board of Trustees deems that it is in the best interest of the township select an alternative starting date for the Board of Review for March 2004 such that the Assessor will be available to assist the Board of Review on that date,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Banks Township Board approves selection of **Wednesday, March 10, 2004** as the starting date for the 2004 Banks Township Board of Review.



Daniel Wieland, Banks Township Supervisor
February 16, 2004



Donna Heeres, Banks Township Clerk
February 16, 2004

Check Register for February 20

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
2612	2/13/04	A D Assessing, Inc. Assessor	101-173-70100	1,373.33
2613	2/13/04	Antrim County Clerk Data Pro	Several Accounts	249.24
2614	2/13/04	Antrim County News ZA ACN	101-410-95500	30.00
2615	2/13/04	Antrim County Treas Homeste	101-899-96400	19.08
2616	2/13/04	Atwood Mini Mart In FD Gasoli	206-726-95700	59.98
2617	2/13/04	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Paym	Several Accounts	539.10
2618	2/13/04	Consumers Energy Twp Hall	Several Accounts	229.00
2619	2/13/04	Daniel J. Wieland Conventio	Several Accounts	236.06
2620	2/16/04	David L. Heeres Twp Hall F	101-265-95600	174.66
2621	2/13/04	Donna L. Heeres Conventio	Several Accounts	180.00
2622	2/13/04	Douglass Safety Sys FD Visor	206-726-72700	100.36
2623	2/13/04	Drenth Plumbing & H FD Rezn	206-920-92100	350.00
2624	2/16/04	Ellsworth Farmers E FD & Res	Several Accounts	283.16
2625	2/13/04	Emergency Medical P Rescue	101-652-72600	63.91
2626	2/13/04	Hilltop Repair & PI Jan Plowin	Several Accounts	710.00
2627	2/16/04	Jacob Veenstra Treasurer	101-253-95500	74.00
2628	2/13/04	Jordan Valley Distr Library Vo	101-753-96503	20.00
2629	2/13/04	Linde Gas LLC FD Compre	206-726-72700	43.54
2630	2/16/04	Maylone Enterprises BroadBa	101-101-95000	5,150.00
2631	2/13/04	Michigan Election R Elections	101-191-95500	22.74
2632	2/13/04	Michigan Officeways Clerk Fo	101-215-95500	4.08
2633	2/16/04	Michigan Townships Officials	Several Accounts	145.00
2634	2/13/04	Moore Medical Corp. Rescue	101-652-72600	50.80
2635	2/13/04	Northern MI Welding Rescue	101-652-72600	36.84
2636	2/13/04	Verizon North Twp Hall &	Several Accounts	146.37
2637	2/13/04	WM of Michigan - No Townshi	101-265-95500	74.89
2638	2/13/04	Xerox Corporation Office Co	101-101-95400	17.00
2639	2/13/04	Young, Graham & Els Attorne	Several Accounts	357.91
2640	2/16/04	Municipal Underwrit Twp & F	Several Accounts	19,322.13
		Net cash for fund 101		-13,112.97
		Net cash for fund 206		-16,950.21
		Total		-30,063.18