

Banks Township Board Minutes

January 21, 2002

- 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, Trustee Peter VanderArk and Trustee Marvin Rubingh. Also present: Mark Groenink, Jerry Rasmussen, Travis Chellis, John Hastings.**
- 2. The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION VanderArk, Rubingh, CARRIED to approve the minutes as corrected.**
- 3. The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund: \$287,730.38; Fire Fund: \$111,589.23; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00; Liquor Fund: \$2349.33; Roads: \$0; Grand Total: \$420,372.94. Taxes have been collected on 1066 parcels for a total of \$904,144.43 collected.**
- 4. Travis Chellis addressed the Board on behalf of the Antrim County Sheriff Dept. and advised of a snowmobile patrol that has been established. Also of break-ins at three local businesses recently: J&J Auto, Drenth Brothers, and Rowe Inn. Investigations are continuing. The Sheriff Report was presented for December. Road Patrol coverage for emergencies such as the line down on US 31 in July was discussed. Chellis advised that a substation has been established in conjunction with the State Police at the Torch Lake Township Hall.**
- 5. Jerry Rasmussen addressed the Board on behalf of the Village of Ellsworth regarding ditch dredging behind the fire hall in Ellsworth. Rush Equipment donated the use of the excavator. The Village provided the labor and fuel for the project. The Village is requesting reimbursement of \$862 to cover ½ of the cost. MOTION VanderArk, Wieland, CARRIED to reimburse the Village \$862 for this project.**
- 6. Fire Board: Minutes of today's meeting were reviewed. Chief Groenink reported that the generator has not been sold as yet. 1) The Fire Board recommended purchase of 20 suits of Nomax coveralls for use when fighting grass fires and for cleanup. Cost estimated at \$4600. A grant has been written and will be submitted by January 31 if this board approves expenditure. The DNR grant could cover up to 50% of the cost, \$2000 maximum. 2) Purchase of an 11 HP Portable pump was recommended to replace a 1972 model. Estimated Cost is \$3200. 3) Flexible Hard Suction Hose is needed for each pumper truck. Two 10 ft sections each at an estimate of \$1400. MOTION Rubingh, Veenstra, CARRIED to approve the above purchases.**

7. **Township Hall:** John Hastings advised of need for 50 or more folding chairs for the township hall. Also, five of the older tables are missing. A water leak has developed and water has been running in the ceiling of the basement on the east side. He feels the roof may need to be replaced as best estimate is 30 years ago that it was last done. Will contact two roofing contractors to inspect and give estimate. Supervisor and Clerk will order new folding chairs, round tables from Mitey Lite. The urinal in the men's room is in the process of being repaired.
8. **Zoning:** A public hearing was held by the ZBA on sign variance for Atwood Mini Mart. The request was approved. Check was received for annual lease for Cellular Tower. Discussed wind generating towers and the recent interest/controversy in their placement. The Planning Commission needs to review. Board was advised that the Gould's case against the township time limit has been extended until March 31, 2002. Farrell violation notice reviewed. Rubingh advised of a petition that is being circulated calling for a referendum vote on the County Wetlands Ordinance. The Planning Commission has a Public Hearing scheduled for February 14 on a Site Condominium proposal by Drenth Brothers and a PUD by Dorian Lange.
9. **EDC for the area:** Supervisor reports he met with Hugh Campbell, Village President, and Rick Diebold, Chairman of the IDEA group on proposal from the IDEA group to establish an EDC for the area.
10. **DE/Q Violation:** Letter was received on violation on Old Dixie Highway. Is not on the Stott property, rather is on the LaRouche property.
11. **ACNA:** Meeting scheduled for 12/31 was canceled and is re-scheduled for February 4.
12. **Park Sand:** Clerk reports an application form has been received for permission to place additional sand at the township park. Pete VanderArk will begin filling it out.
13. **February Meeting:** Salary Resolution will be made. Fire Budget Hearing will be held. Will discuss whether or not to hold Annual Meeting this year. Will determine if ballot proposal will be made for road millage.
14. **Board of Review:** Supervisor appoints Ron Ritsema to fill vacancy created on the Board of Review with the resignation of Gary Rubingh. Term to begin immediately until December 31, 2002. MOTION Heeres, VanderArk, CARRIED to approve the appointment.
15. **Bank Building:** The Historical Society is in the process of installing fluorescent lights in the basement in the new suspended ceiling. Outside work, funded by the Township, is continuing to repair/replace the fascia on the sides of the building and the front.

16. **MTA Convention:** Supervisor and Clerk reported on the convention and encouraged board members to consider attending this educational opportunity in the future.

17. **Insurance:** Letter was received from the Par Plan to advise of expected premium increases related to the September 11 tragedy.

18. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment.**
MOTION Wieland, Veenstra, CARRIED to pay the bills.

19. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres
Banks Township Clerk

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Check Register for January 2002

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1589	1/7/02	Amway Grand Plaza H Hotel Reservations	Several Accounts	805.60
1598	1/20/02	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Air	206-726-95500	42.30
1599	1/20/02	Antrim County Clerk Data Processing	101-258-80100	278.97
1600	1/8/02	AT&T Long Distance Chg Tw	Several Accounts	13.23
1601	1/20/02	Atwood Mini Mart In FD Gasoline	206-726-95700	15.26
1602	1/20/02	Brian Druckenmiller Twp Hall Porch Roofs	101-265-95600	290.00
1603	1/20/02	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Payment Jan 02 1	Several Accounts	1,110.73
1604	1/8/02	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, Bank Bldg,	Several Accounts	233.39
1605	1/8/02	Daniel J. Wieland Fire Board 4 mtgs	101-654-70100	60.00
1606	1/20/02	Daniel J. Wieland Convention Expenses	Several Accounts	118.13
1607	1/8/02	Donna L. Heeres ZBA Atwood Mini Mart	Several Accounts	266.52
1608	1/20/02	Ellsworth Farmers E Cem Gas,BankBldgHeat	Several Accounts	336.11
1609	1/20/02	Emergency Medical P Rescue Supplies	101-652-72600	219.46
1610	1/8/02	Great Lakes Energy Atwood Street Lights	Several Accounts	214.08
1611	1/20/02	Hilltop Repair & PI Dec Snowplowing Twp,	Several Accounts	480.00
1612	1/8/02	Jack Danbert ZBA Atwood Mini Mart	101-410-70100	25.00
1613	1/8/02	Jacob Veenstra Treasurer Postage	101-253-95500	34.00
1614	1/8/02	Jim Wilhelm ZBA Atwood Mini Mart	101-410-70100	25.00
1615	1/20/02	Joe Wagner Rescue Truck Letteri	101-652-95500	450.00
1616	1/20/02	John A. Fant Liquor Inspections D	212-212-80200	100.00
1617	1/20/02	John Hastings Twp Hall 300 Watt Bu	101-265-95500	14.85
1618	1/8/02	Mark Groenink Fire Board 4 mtgs	101-654-70100	60.00
1619	1/20/02	Michigan Officeways Office Supplies W-2'	101-101-95400	18.97
1620	1/20/02	Michigan Townships Books:Twp & FD	Several Accounts	80.00
1621	1/20/02	Northern Fire & Saf FD Supplies	206-726-95500	16.00
1622	1/8/02	Northern MI Welding Rescue Dept 02	Several Accounts	53.27
1623	1/20/02	Penfold Ace Hardwar FD Atwood Bldg Suppl	206-920-92100	21.77
1624	1/8/02	Peter J. VanderArk Fire Board 3 mtgs	101-654-70100	45.00
1625	1/8/02	Ron Sowers Fire Board 4 mtgs	101-654-70100	60.00
1626	1/8/02	Tina McDuffie ZBA Atwood Mini Mart	101-410-70100	25.00
1627	1/8/02	Tom VanStedum Fire Board 3 mtgs	101-654-70100	45.00
1628	1/8/02	U.S. Postmaster Treasurer-Misc Expen	101-253-95500	102.00
1629	1/8/02	UpNorth Publication ZBA PH Adv Atwood Mi	101-410-90000	27.40
1630	1/20/02	Verizon North Twp Hall & FD	Several Accounts	100.89
1631	1/8/02	WM of Michigan - No Twp Hall Dumpster	101-265-95500	63.00
1632	1/8/02	Xerox Corporation Twp Office Copier-2	206-920-92000	34.00
1633	1/20/02	Young, Graham & Els Quarterly Contract	101-210-80100	727.25
		Net cash for fund 101		-5,860.38
		Net cash for fund 206		-651.80
		Net cash for fund 212		-100.00
		Total		-6,612.18