

**Banks Township Board Regular Meeting
held on Monday July 20, 1998
at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth.**

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Supervisor Daniel Wieland. Present were Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustees Peter VanderArk and Gary Strange. Also present: Marvin Rubingh, Randy Miller, Brad VanderArk, Ed Petter, Al Veenstra, Jim Veenstra, Chad Woodbury, Brian VanderArk. John Hastings arrived at 8 PM. Scott Dunn arrived at 9 PM.
2. Minutes of the June regular meeting were read. Amendment was made in item 2: should be May rather than April minutes that were approved. MOTION Wieland, Strange, CARRIED to approve the minutes as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report of Incomes & Balances was given. General Fund: \$253,618.12; Fire Fund: \$80,331.27; Vehicle Fund: \$49,378.00; Liquor Fund: \$2,015.00; Grand Total: \$385,342.39.
4. Public Comment: Marvin Rubingh addressed the Board regarding the proposed land use plan and need for zoning at all as the Parcel Division Ordinance controls size of lots. He recommends that the Board not accept the Wade-Trim Proposal.
5. Fire Dept: Brian VanderArk addressed the Board on behalf of the Fire Dept, in the absence of the Fire Chief. Concern was raised re: the Farm Medic Class offerings and rumors that the Township was not in favor of the program. Letter from Wendy Wieland Novak of Michigan Farm Bureau addressing the issue was shared. Lengthy discussion ensued. Township position is favorable to the class being offered on site. Concerns regarding off site liability and coverage should injury occur enroute or during a class. Instructor Chris Randall was again advised to contact the township insurance carrier for explanations and possible alternatives to allow him to provide the class off site. The Township Board authorizes Chris Randall, under the direction of Fire Chief Mark Groenink to conduct Farm Medic training sessions within Banks Township, including use of Township facilities and equipment. Discussion was held regarding needs for new equipment truck. Several examples of used vehicles and prices were shared. (\$90,000 to \$115,000). Elk Rapids just purchased a new vehicle for \$139,000. Firemen will check it out to see if this type of vehicle will work for Banks Township.
6. The following informational items were shared: MTA Chapter minutes from Antrim Chapter, including Michigan Trivia. Planning Commission Minutes of May 14; Report of Second Town Hall Meeting for the ACNA; Letter from DEQ re: extension of permit until 8/9/99 for Tom Cooper; Sheriff's Dept. report of complaints 1/1/98 through 5/31/98; State of Michigan surplus property ID cards were distributed; Board of Commissioners minutes of 6/11/98; Letter from MTA re: membership; 13th Judicial Circuit Court Annual Report; Natural Areas Association Conference Oct 6-10 on Mackinaw Island; Scenic Michigan Newsletter re: Billboards & Scenic Quality Ordinances; Top O' Michigan Annual Meeting; telephone call from Nancy Flood complaining about condition of old farm house owned by Ed & Mary Nachazel on Church Road; Audit Report was distributed; Clean Up Day report; Central Lake Library informational meeting re: forming a district library July 21 6PM.

7. Planning Commission: Minutes of the May regular meeting were reviewed. No meeting was held in June due to lack of a quorum. Minutes of the July 9 meeting are not yet available. Strange reported that the Village Planning Commission has changed their meeting night to the second Thursday each month at 7PM. This conflicts with the Township Planning Commission meeting the same night at 7:30PM. Both meetings are scheduled for the office. Clerk will contact the Village President to determine why the meeting was changed without consultation with the Township Planning Commission. Decided to set a joint meeting with the Planning Commission for Thursday August 13 at 7:30 PM at the Township Office.
8. Scott Dunn, candidate for 105th District Representative addressed the Board regarding his qualifications for the office.
9. Recycling: Discussion regarding Banks Township residents being charged to drop off recyclable materials at the Central Lake transfer station. Supervisor will contact Bill Gadwau of Central Lake Township for more information.
10. Election Inspectors: MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to appoint the election inspectors for the August 4 Primary and November 3 General Elections as recommended by the Election Commission.
11. Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION Strange, VanderArk, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.
12. MOTION Heeres, Wieland Carried to Compensate Larry Essenberg \$100 and Mark Groenink \$75 for services at the annual clean up day. Also, to approve payment for 10 yards of gravel from Drenth Brothers to improve the gravel drive for the day.
13. Cemeteries: Discussion regarding plans for building at Atwood Cemetery. VanderArk is obtaining plans/bids from local builders for 24x24 building. Also, dash of pickup is being replaced at cost of \$25.
14. Township Hall: Painting of exterior needed. Also repair of front steps. Clerk will attempt to get bids.
15. Park: Discussed needed repairs to tables & grills and removal of trees.
16. Ambulance: Letter received from Jay Peck of East Jordan Ambulance with estimate of \$2500 to \$3000 for ambulance coverage of entire township.
17. Zoning Board of Appeals: Request from Gloria Gamble for variance to allow tennis court with 10 ft fence on Antrim Lane. ZBA found that no variance is needed and voted to refund application fee. Tennis court was likened to a driveway and driveways and fences are not regulated in ordinance.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L Heeres, Clerk

[02] - CB North Bank

Dated From: 06-15-98
Thru: 07-20-98

From Account: 000-000-00000-000
Thru Account: 999-999-99999-999

COMP ID NUMBER	CHECK DATE	PAYEE	MEMO	AMOUNT
16	07-20-98	-000 Charles Warner	FD Supplies	\$11.60
10	07-20-98	-000 Gamble's Pumping Service	Reimbursement of Fee for Public Hearing	\$175.00
24	07-20-98	Ant-001 Antrim County Road Comm.	Upgrading North Dennis Road:Done Fall 96	\$3,300.00
6	07-20-98	Ant-002 Antrim Co. Clerk's Office	Data Processing	\$401.82
27	07-20-98	Bai-001 Baird, Cotter & Bishop	Audit for 1997-98	\$1,600.00
1	07-20-98	CB -002 Citizens Bank	941 Payment, 3rd Qtr, 1998, July 98	\$1,064.57
5	07-20-98	Cit-002 City Of Traverse City	FD HazMat Participation Fee for 1997	\$250.00
7	07-20-98	Con-001 Consumers Energy	Twp Hall & FD Electricity	\$134.93
11	07-20-98	Den-001 Dennis Penfold	Zoning Board of Appeals: Gamble	\$20.00
15	07-20-98	Don-001 Donna L. Heeres	ZBA, Postage, CleanUpDay Eat/Drinks	\$110.27
17	07-20-98	Dor-001 Doris Pearl	Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$148.89
20	07-20-98	Ell-001 Ellsworth Farmer Exchange	Cem, Park, Rescue, FD	\$339.25
21	07-20-98	Ell-002 Ellsworth Hardware Co.	Park Supplies	\$12.26
26	07-20-98	GTE-001 GTE North	Twp Hall & FD Telephones	\$233.54
13	07-20-98	Jac-002 Jack Danbert	Zoning Board of Appeals: Gamble	\$20.00
9	07-20-98	Joh-001 John Hastings	Twp Hall Cleaning Supplies	\$35.47
4	07-20-98	Joh-002 John A. Fant	Liquor Inspections June & July 3 ea	\$150.00
2	07-20-98	Mar-002 Mary Peterson	Voter Registrations 4 hours	\$30.00
12	07-20-98	Mar-006 Marvin Rubingh	Zoning Board of Appeals: Gamble	\$20.00
25	07-20-98	Nor-001 Northern Fire & Safety	FD	\$11.95
14	07-20-98	Oke-001 Okey Peterson	Zoning Board of Appeals: Gamble	\$20.00
8	07-20-98	Top-001 Top O' Michigan REA	Atwood Street Lights (2Months)	\$209.68
3	07-20-98	Top-002 Top Rank Disposal	Clean Up Day 1998	\$5,176.00
22	07-20-98	UpN-001 UpNorth Publications, Inc	ZBA Hearing Adv: Gamble	\$100.00
23	07-20-98	Was-001 Waste Management of N MI	Twp Hall Dumpster, monthly fee + extra	\$88.56
19	07-20-98	Xer-001 Xerox Corporation	Copier Maint Agreement 2nd qtr 98	\$56.25
18	07-20-98	You-001 Young, Graham & Elsenheimer, P.C.	Contract & Audit Letter	\$822.25
GRAND TOTAL				\$14,542.29

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 101 - General Fund	\$13,755.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 206 - Fire Dept Fund	\$637.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 212 - Liquor Control Fund	\$150.00