

Banks Township Board Minutes

Monday, March 25, 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, and Trustee Marvin Rubingh. Absent: Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustee Peter VanderArk. Also present: Mark Groenink. The meeting was postponed a week due to vacations.**
- 2. The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION Wieland, Heeres, CARRIED to approve the minutes with the amendment of "site" condos in item #29.**
- 3. The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund: \$347,185.62; Fire Fund: \$127,598.06; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00, Liquor Fund: \$2249.33; Roads: \$ 550,682.80; Grand Total: \$546,419.81.**
- 4. Fire Dept.: No Report.**
- 5. County Wide Recycling: Supervisor attended a meeting on March 19. No cost figures are available yet. Alternative plans were discussed as well as alternative funding.**
- 6. East Jordan Ambulance: Supervisor has talked with Jay Peck regarding the need to replace the #3 vehicle. Funding options for the purchase of a new ambulance vehicle are under investigation. Another meeting is scheduled for March 28. One proposal is for the seven units of government that contract with the City of East Jordan to pay approximately \$3500 a year for 4 years. Banks Township had 71 runs in 2001 and the charge for the service was \$245. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to go on record to support a smaller percentage for the Village of Ellsworth at the meeting on March 28.**
- 7. Great Lakes Energy Franchise Agreement: Attorney Brian Graham has suggested we table action on the proposal until we hear from him. He is working with Great Lakes legal counsel to draft an agreement.**
- 8. Letter from MTA re: Summer Tax Collection: Proposal to collect the state education taxes in the summer and the other taxes in the winter. The proposal is still in House/Senate committee related to charge for collection fees.**
- 9. Township Hall Roof: Bids were received from Brian Druckenmiller for \$11,428 and Bill Wiltse for \$11,000. MOTION Heeres, Rubingh, CARRIED to award the bid to Bill Wiltse of B&W Contracting.**

- 10. Roads:** Supervisor reported that he has received bids for paving Peebles Road and upgrade & pave Byers Road. Cost estimate of \$98,290 for the township. To pave Hillman Road (845 ft) in 2003 at a cost of \$9960; Best Road in 2003 \$48,308; Coeling & Boss Road repave \$46,125 for a total of \$104,393 in 2003. Consideration for 2004 for Lord, Lore, Pleasant Hill, Sinclair, Farrell and get an estimate on North Church Road, north of Brown Road. Discussed amount of millage to request on the August Ballot. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to request up to 1 mill for two years for road construction and improvement. The proposal to be placed on the August Primary Ballot. YEAS Heeres, Wieland, NAYS Rubingh. Absent: VanderArk and Veenstra. MOTION CARRIED.
- 11.** The meeting was recessed at 9:25 PM and the Budget Hearing called to order.
- 12.** Supervisor Wieland presented the Road Fund, Vehicle Fund, Liquor Fund and General Fund Budgets and questions were addressed.
- 13.** The Public Hearing on the Budgets was adjourned at 9:43 PM and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:44PM.
- 14.** MOTION Wieland, Heeres, CARRIED to adopt the General Fund Budget. MOTION Rubingh, Heeres, CARRIED to adopt the Fire Fund Budget as presented at the Fire Budget Hearing on February 18. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to adopt the Liquor Fund Budget. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to adopt the Vehicle Fund Budget. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to adopt the Road Fund Budget.
- 15. Assessor Software:** Supervisor reports he has investigated new software for the assessing program. Cost is \$2395 and a new computer is needed. No cost for the computer as yet.
- 16. Budget Transfers:** MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to transfer \$400 from the Liquor Fund to the General Fund as administration fee. MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED to transfer \$2800 from the Fire Fund to the Vehicle Fund as budgeted. MOTION Rubingh, Wieland, CARRIED to transfer \$300 from the General Fund to the Vehicle Fund to reflect interest earned; \$1500 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund to reflect interest earned; and \$500 from the General Fund to the Roads Fund to reflect interest earned.
- 17. Budget Amendments:** MOTION Wieland, Rubingh, CARRIED, to approve the Budget Amendments per the attached list.
- 18. PTAF:** MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to write off as a loss the excess expense of collecting taxes that is not covered by PTAF.
- 19. Audit:** Discussed advertising for bids for the audit this year. Clerk will place ad in newspapers and fax to Baird, Cotter & Bishop.

20. **Wetlands Ordinance:** Clerk reported that a long list of questionable voters were reviewed. Only 3 of the 50+ signers on the list were registered in Banks Township.
21. **Planning Commission:** Lange LLC development proposal having obstacles. Several requests for information about the application, etc. have been received and released under the FOIA.
22. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** Proposal #1: Resolution was offered by Heeres, supported by Rubingh to adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Wieland Yes, Rubingh Yes, Heeres Yes. Amendment declared adopted. Proposal #2: Resolution was offered by Rubingh, supported by Heeres to adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Wieland Yes, Rubingh Yes, Heeres Yes. Amendment declared adopted. Proposal #3: Resolution was offered by Heeres, supported by Rubingh to adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Wieland Yes, Rubingh Yes, Heeres Yes. Amendment declared adopted. Proposal #4: Resolution was offered by Heeres, supported by Wieland to adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Wieland No, Rubingh No, Heeres No. Amendment declared defeated. Note for planning commission: Sections 1.)a.)4.: Concern is the "permanent open space" in paragraph one; "shall never be changed" in paragraph two. Proposal #5: Resolution was offered by Rubingh, supported by Wieland to adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Wieland No, Rubingh No, Heeres No. Amendment declared defeated. Note for planning commission: Sections 1, item 2) disagree with need for certificate from Professional Engineer. Proposal #6: Motion Rubingh, Heeres, carried to take no action due to the defeat of number 5. Proposal #7: Motion Rubingh, Heeres, carried to take no action due to the defeat of number 5.
23. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION Rubingh, Heeres, CARRIED to pay the bills as presented.**
24. **Board of Review:** Supervisor reported that there were 15 applicants in person and 17 letters.
25. **Assessing:** Wieland announced his resignation as township assessor. He agreed to continue until a new assessor can be hired. Will place ads in the newspaper. He advised that the Donaldson Tax Tribunal Case has been sent to our attorney to prepare the arguments.
26. **The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres
Banks Township Clerk

Banks Township
Check Register for March 20

Chk #	Date	Account Number	Amount
1671	3/23/02	Accident Fund of Mi Work Co Several Accounts	2,513.00
1672	3/23/02	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Air Several Accounts	160.39
1673	3/9/02	Antrim County Clerk Assess Several Accounts	694.88
1674	3/9/02	AT&T Long Distanc Several Accounts	22.10
1675	3/23/02	Atwood Mini Mart In FD Gas 206-726-95700	54.08
1676	3/23/02	Carol Waldowski Bd of Re 101-247-70100	230.00
1677	3/23/02	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Pay Several Accounts	1,192.23
1678	3/23/02	Circle K Service FD Recert 206-726-93000	1,985.38
1679	3/23/02	City of East Jordan Ambulan 101-651-80100	245.79
1680	3/9/02	Consumers Energy Twp Ha Several Accounts	232.61
1681	3/23/02	Daniel J. Wieland Mileage 101-172-95500	48.30
1682	3/11/02	Emergency Medical P Rescu 101-652-72600	224.44
1683	3/23/02	Great Lakes Energy Atwood 101-448-92100	111.58
1684	3/23/02	Heiman Fire Equipme FD Mo Several Accounts	117.00
1685	3/23/02	Hilltop Repair & Pl Twp Hall, Several Accounts	430.00
1686	3/9/02	Kwikie Duplicating, Zoning A 101-410-90000	69.78
1687	3/9/02	Michigan Assn of Ce Member 101-276-95500	25.00
1688	3/23/02	Michigan Paper Prod Twp Ha 101-265-95500	33.68
1689	3/9/02	Northern MI Welding Rescue 101-652-72600	16.43
1690	3/23/02	OTEC FD Antenna & 206-726-95500	54.00
1691	3/23/02	Ron Ritsema Bd of Revi 101-247-70100	230.00
1692	3/23/02	Sandy Alward Bd of Revi 101-247-70100	230.00
1693	3/23/02	Superior Fire Hose FD 2.5" h Several Accounts	1,031.80
1694	3/9/02	UpNorth Publication Plannin Several Accounts	150.71
1695	3/9/02	Verizon North Twp Hall, F Several Accounts	87.10
1696	3/23/02	W.S. Darley & Co. FD 5" suc 206-726-72600	675.85
1697	3/9/02	WM of Michigan - No Twp Hal 101-265-95500	63.04
1700	3/9/02	Xerox Corporation Office C 101-101-95400	51.00
1701	3/11/02	Young, Graham & Els Great L 101-210-80100	521.00
1702	3/26/02	B&W Contracting Twp Hall 101-265-95600	5,500.00
1703	3/26/02	Circle K Service FD Pumpe Several Accounts	1,260.23
1704	3/26/02	Tele-Rad Inc. FD Monitor 206-726-72700	91.50
1705	3/26/02	Verizon North FD - 2 llnes Several Accounts	40.39
Net cash for fund 101			-11,879.82
Net cash for fund 206			-6,513.47
Total			-18,393.29