

**Banks Township Board Regular Meeting
held on Monday November 17, 1997
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: Fire Chief Mark Groenink, Joni Wieland, John Hastings.
2. Minutes of the October 1997 meeting were read. MOTION Wieland, Vander Ark, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. Treasurer's Report of Incomes & Balances was given. General Fund Balance: \$205,415.93; Fire Fund: \$44,627.09; Vehicle Fund: \$23,378.00; Liquor Fund: \$2,890.00; Grand Total: \$276,311.02
4. Public Comment: Joni Wieland addressed the Board on behalf of the Ellsworth School Board of Education. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed for the purpose of marketing the school system. They plan to send out a survey this winter and invited the Township and Village to participate with the inclusion of questions.
5. Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Newsletter was shared.
6. Master Plan: Awaiting arrival of camera ready pages and final diskette. MOTION Heeres, Strange, CARRIED to hold the final payment until satisfactory copies arrive. The Antrim County Planning Commission will review at their December 2 meeting.
7. Tower Ordinance: Planning Commission has reviewed, made recommendations to attorney for modifications and will send to the County Planners for review.
8. US 31 Parking: Sgt. Ford of the Michigan State Police has contacted the township regarding plans for relocation of no parking signs along US 31 from south of the Atwood-Ellsworth Road intersection to north of Elzinga's farm market. The Board is supportive of this plan. Supervisor will contact Sgt. Ford to inform of support.
9. Planning Commission Minutes for October and November meetings were reviewed. Public Hearing is set for November 20 on the NPI request for special exception and ZBA Hearing for height variance on December 1.
10. Antrim County Chapter of MTA minutes reviewed. Christmas Party scheduled for December 12. Supervisor and Clerk attended last meeting and informed the Board of presentations by the Sheriff regarding E911 and Road Commission manager regarding pending changes in road funding.
11. Fire Dept.: Chief Groenink presented the expense report for the previous 6 months. Runs were up by 10 to 114. Number of fires down, rescues up. Annual Firemen's Dinner scheduled for December 5 at 7PM at the Hall. Front Line Services recently completed the 2 year pump test and both pumpers checked out well. Discussed advantages of paying off Fire Trucks loan this month (one year early). It was decided to pay off with this month's accounts payable and thereby save additional interest.
12. The meeting was recessed at 8:10 PM.

13. The supervisor called a Public Hearing to order at 8:11 PM. Advertised purpose of the Hearing was to hear public comments on the Parcel Division Ordinance. Discussion on the purpose, process and language of the Ordinance was held and questions answered. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

14. The Township Board meeting reconvened at 8:16 PM.

15. MOTION Wieland, Strange, to adopt the PARCEL DIVISION ORDINANCE with additions in Section 5e, 7a, 8. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Wieland, Strange, VanderArk, Veenstra, Heeres. NAYS: NONE. Ordinance declared adopted and the Clerk was directed to obtain a copy with the additions and publish as required by law. MOTION Strange, Wieland, CARRIED to establish the following fees for review of the PARCEL DIVISION APPLICATION:
Exempt Splits: \$20; Division or Property Transfers: \$50 for the first split, \$25 for each additional split submitted on the same application. After the fact fees shall be triple (3 times) the above fees. Supervisor will develop a form suitable to our needs.

16. Roads Resolution: The following resolution was offered by Heeres, Supported by Wieland, and adopted by a roll call vote: YEAS: Wieland, VanderArk, Veenstra, Heeres. NAYS: Strange.

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WHEREAS, There are in excess of 85,000 miles of primary and secondary roads located within the boundaries of townships; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Transportation Fund, Public Act 51 of 1951, created a formula to distribute transportation funds for road creation, repair and improvements among governmental units having jurisdiction over roads; and

WHEREAS, Because townships do not have jurisdiction over roads, they receive no direct funding from Act 51; and

WHEREAS, However, without being obligated by statute to contribute any funds for road purposes, townships annually spend millions of dollars from their general and special funds and/or special assessments to assist in road construction, repair and maintenance; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, The the Township of Banks supports legislation that would include townships in the Michigan Transportation Fund distributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a township planning fund be created within Act 51 from the urban and rural road set asides provided for in the Michigan Transportation Fund spent only with township input and without matching funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Representative Lowe, Senator McManus, Governor Engler and the Michigan Townships Association.

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17. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Proposed language amendments to Section 9, 16 and 17 and comments from the Antrim County Planning Commission were reviewed. Consensus of the Board was to return the proposal to the Planning Commission for consideration of the County Planning Commission comments. Request return to the Township Board by the December 15 meeting.

18. Next meeting: Due to multiple conflicts in scheduling, the next Township Board meeting will be held on December 15 at 5:30 PM.

19. Township Hall Painting: Project continues in the Men's Room where studs and drywall repair and replacement is taking place prior to painting.

20. Antrim Creek Natural Area: MOTION Strange, VanderArk, CARRIED that the Banks Township Board supports the removal of Boulders at the end of Rex Beach Road extension. MOTION Heeres, VanderArk, CARRIED to appoint Jacob Veenstra, Jr. as the Township representative on the Endowment Committee for the ACNA.

21. MOTION Strange, Veenstra, CARRIED to pay the bills represented by the attached list, holding the Westshore Engineering payment until satisfactory documents have been received.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres, Clerk

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November 24, 1997

Governor John Engler
Senator George McManus
Representative Alan Lowe
Michigan Townships Association

Dear Sirs:

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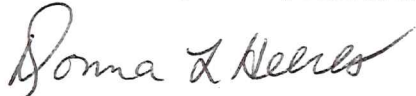
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UNPOSTED CHECKS - QUICK REPORT

[02] - CB North Bank

Dated From: 10-20-97
Thru: 11-30-97

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

COMP ID NUMBER	CHECK DATE	PAYEE	MEMO	AMOUNT
18	11-17-97	Ban-001 Banks Township Fire Department	FD Meetings + Rescue Expense Payments	\$10,263.35
1	11-17-97	CBN-001 CB North Bank	941 Payment Nov 97, 4th qtr 97	\$786.52
11	11-17-97	Cit-001 City of East Jordan	Ambulance Contract 7/1/97 thru 6/30/98	\$569.61
14	11-17-97	Con-001 Consumers Energy	Twp Hall & FD	\$143.84
20	11-17-97	Don-001 Donna L. Heeres	NPI Hearings, Voter Pstg, Miles	\$85.91
6	11-17-97	Dou-002 Douglass Safety Systems	FD 6 pr Gloves	\$210.89
16	11-17-97	Dyn-001 Dyna Med	Rescue Dept. Pulse Oximeter	\$700.00
19	11-17-97	Ell-001 Ellsworth Farmer Exchange	Park, Cemetery, FD Heat (Ells)	\$146.81
15	11-17-97	Ell-002 Ellsworth Hardware Co.	Twp Hall Painting Supplies & Misc.	\$87.50
2	11-17-97	FMB-001 FMB Northwestern Bank	FD Final Payment on Tankers, etc.	\$12,985.07
10	11-17-97	GTE-001 GTE North	Twp Hall & FD Telephones	\$217.38
7	11-17-97	Joh-001 John Hastings	Twp Hall Hallway Repairs; Rescue Su	\$817.90
9	11-17-97	Joh-002 John A. Fant	Liquor Inspections October 1997 (3)	\$75.00
4	11-17-97	Mic-001 Michigan Officeways, Inc.	Treasurer Supplies	\$16.10
5	11-17-97	Nor-001 Northern Fire & Safety	Rescue & FD Supplies	\$109.85
8	11-17-97	Pen-001 Penfold Ace Hardware	Twp Hall Insulation & 2x4 for Men's Room	\$22.75
22	11-17-97	Top-001 Top O' Michigan REA	Atwood Street Lights	\$99.98
3	11-17-97	U.S-001 U.S. Postmaster	Treasurer Postage 2500 1st Class Stamps	\$800.00
13	11-17-97	Was-001 Waste Management of N MI	Twp Hall dumpster	\$53.00
21	11-17-97	Wes-003 Westshore Engineering & Survey, Inc.	Master Plan Consultation Fees	\$241.49
12	11-17-97	Xer-001 Xerox Corporation	Copy Cartridge for Copier	\$372.00
17	11-17-97	You-001 Young, Graham & Elsenheimer, P.C.	Attorney Fees Re: Tower Lease	\$114.00
GRAND TOTAL				\$28,918.95

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 101 - General Fund \$8,769.24
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 206 - Fire Dept Fund \$20,074.71
 TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM FUND # 212 - Liquor Control Fund \$75.00