

Banks Township Board Minutes

October 22, 2001

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, and Trustee Peter VanderArk. Marvin Rubingh arrived at 7:50 PM. Also present: Mark Groenink, John Hastings, Lee Wollgast of Timberlane Terrace Assn., Robert Wise, Jr.
2. The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION VanderArk, Wieland, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.
3. The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund Balance: \$257,121.51; Fire Fund: \$143,137.77; Vehicle Fund: \$18,704.00; Liquor Fund: \$2,665.00; Roads: \$0; Grand Total: \$421,628.28.
4. Roads: Central Lake Road and Richardson Road paving is completed.
5. Lee Wollgast addressed the Board and complimented Elmer's on the fast paving job on Old Dixie Highway. It was completed in two days. Discussed priority for paving of Lore Road and cable TV in Timberlane Terrace having lesser service (not digital) and paying same price. Charter Cable is now the owner of Village Cable. No franchise agreement update in the files. Need to contact them to request update for files. Also to discuss the rate increases without an increase in service. Mr. Wollgast also complimented the ZBA on a job well done in handling the hearings on the Gould variance request. He questioned Section 4.08 of the Zoning Ordinance and the restriction on RV's on site for 60 days. He was advised that there has been follow-up on the violation that he cited. Also, two units in Timberlane Terrace are very old and have questionable sanitation facilities. He was referred to the Health Dept for that investigation. On the subject of rental units, he informed the board that Milton Township Zoning Ordinance addresses this use and suggested our Planning Commission consider language.
6. Robert Wise, Jr., addressed the board on a proposal for a sports park with campground he would like to build on 40 acres of property owned by his father on the Atwood Road. Proposal is for 80 to 100 primitive campsites, a moto-cross racetrack, picnic area, playground, etc. A site plan has been developed to encompass the southern 2/3 to 3/4 of the property. He was referred to the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission for further information and an application.
7. ZBA: letter received from Kevin Elsenheimer, attorney, regarding filing of a lawsuit against the township in the matter of denial of variance requested by Bruce and Julee Gould.
8. Zoning Violations: Contacted by Zoning Administrator regarding Chester Farrell having placed a mobile home as a hunting cabin off of Church Road without proper permits and sanitation. Lutz violation was taken to court by Mr. Lutz and thrown out by the judge per supervisor. *Rubingh. / Dd.*
9. Zoning Ordinance Amendments & Planning Commission minutes were reviewed in detail. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to send the proposed amendments to the attorney for review and comments. Plan to review again at November meeting.

- A) RV Restrictions: Discussion was held about allowing longer than 60 days for RV's to be in position on a site. Question then arose about mobile homes and how if RV's are an allowed use, mobile homes may be viewed as allowed uses as well. Asked that the Planning Commission consider this as well. Need to investigate how surrounding townships ordinances address these issues and contact MTA for opinion.
- B) Accessory Structures: Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance and feels that accessory structures should not be allowed without a primary unit. Discussion re: storage building for building materials during construction phase, that might be unnecessarily restrictive, and suggested a minimum size might be considered.
10. Clean Up Day: Discussed trying to get scheduled ASAP so the newsletter can be prepared and mailed earlier this year. Supervisor will contact Top Rank for available dates.
 11. MTA County Chapter meeting: Supervisor and Clerk attended in Milton Township.
 12. DNR Application for Charles Martin was reviewed.
 13. Communications: Workshop on Building a Coastal Partnership will be held on November 1 from 9 to 3 in Traverse City.
 14. Cemeteries: VanderArk reports they are being prepared for winter. Atwood Cemetery still waiting for driveway. Need to get permit application yet. Markers are placed in new section next to building. Veterans Memorial plans have been sent to the American Legion for input. The fencing is in need of repairs at Atwood Cemetery.
 15. South Arm Township Fire/Rescue Contract: Supervisor and Fire Chief to meet with South Arm Township and negotiate an update to the contract.
 16. Fire Dept: A) The local school honored the firemen in a ~~surprise~~^{surpise} luncheon after the fire safety lesson. Fourteen firemen attended. B) Annual Firemen's dinner set for Saturday, December 1 at 6:30 PM at the Township Hall.
 17. Sheriff Report for September and October was shared.
 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 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Heeres
Banks Township Clerk

**Banks Township
Check Register for October 2001**

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1495	10/20/01	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Compressed Air	206-726-95500	41.09
1496	10/20/01	Antrim County Clerk Data Proc & Recyclin	Several Accounts	120.21
1497	10/20/01	Apollo Fire Equipme FD Gloves (6Pr)	206-726-72600	214.00
1498	10/20/01	AT&T Twp Hall & FD Long d	Several Accounts	16.45
1499	10/20/01	Banks Township Fire PO Box Rent	206-890-89000	20.00
1500	10/20/01	Charlevoix State Ba 941 Payment 10/01	Several Accounts	1,473.43
1501	10/20/01	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, BankBldg,	Several Accounts	200.84
1502	10/20/01	Donna L. Heeres Mileage to Elections	101-215-95500	12.42
1503	10/20/01	Great Lakes Energy Atwood Street Lights	101-448-92100	105.98
1504	10/20/01	Hilltop Repair & Pl Cemetery mower/blowe	101-276-72600	105.00
1505	10/20/01	John A. Fant Liquor Inspections (212-212-80200	225.00
1506	10/20/01	Michigan Officeways Treas supplies	101-253-95500	18.38
1507	10/20/01	Northbound Publicat Historical Books (10	101-890-95500	600.00
1508	10/20/01	Northern Fire & Saf FD Fire Exting & Rec	206-726-72600	65.75
1509	10/20/01	Northern MI Welding Rescue O2	101-652-72600	6.75
1510	10/20/01	Verizon North Twp Hall & FD Phones	Several Accounts	76.67
1511	10/20/01	WM of Michigan - No Twp Hall Dumpster	101-265-95500	64.00
1512	10/20/01	Xerox Corporation Copier Maint Agreeme	101-101-95400	17.00
1513	10/20/01	Young, Graham & Els Qtrly Contract & Mis	Several Accounts	862.25
		Net cash for fund 101		-3,567.90
		Net cash for fund 206		-452.32
		Net cash for fund 212		-225.00
		Total		-4,245.22