

Banks Township Board Minutes

September 18, 2000

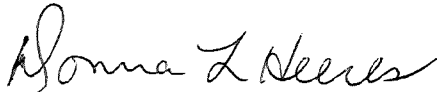
1. **Supervisor Daniel Wieland called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Banks Township Hall. Present were Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustee Peter VanderArk and Trustee Gary Strange. Also present: Sheriff candidate Terry Johnson, Marge Best, Travis Chellis. Shelley Kester, candidate for District Judge arrived at 8:15 PM.**
2. **The minutes of the last regular meeting were presented for approval. MOTION Strange, Wieland, CARRIED to approve the minutes as presented.**
3. **The Treasurer's report of Incomes and Balances was given. General Fund: \$271,943.29; Fire Fund: \$135,785.32; Vehicle Fund: \$13,404.00; Liquor Fund: \$1640.00; Grand Total: \$422,772.62.**
4. **Historical Society: Marge Best addressed the board on proposal to repair the chimney to the roofline that was presented by Dudley Stevens. Bid of \$1100 was submitted. He can do the work soon. He recommended purchase of plastic domes for over the basement windows to keep the water out. MOTION Strange, Heeres; CARRIED to approve the bid from Dudley Stevens to have the chimney repaired. Proposal from Shannon Reynolds to repair the wood floors including patch, sand and 3 coats of satin finish for \$2200 was submitted. Strange would like to get one more bid before approving. If he is unable to obtain another bid by October 2, the bid will be awarded to Shannon. MOTION Heeres, Strange; CARRIED to award bid to Shannon Reynolds if no other bid is obtained by October 2. If another bid is presented, the Supervisor and Clerk will review them both and award to lowest bidder.**
5. **Terry Johnson, candidate for Sheriff addressed the board to thank for support and outline his plans for the department if he is elected in November. Plans include community policing, increased snowmobile and marine patrols.**
6. **Travis Chellis, Village Police officer addressed the board with request for support in reducing the speed limit on the East Jordan Road from the village limit to the township line. He recommends 45 limit rather than the 55 that it is now. Discussion on need to be even lower due to number of hidden driveways on both sides of road. Recent MTA News article wrote of PA 167 that now allows townships to petition the County Road Commission to lower speed limits on county roads. MOTION Wieland, Strange, CARRIED to petition the county road commission to lower the speed limit on the East Jordan Road from the village limit to the township line from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.**
7. **Proposal 00-2: On ballot in November. Letters of support from Michigan Municipal League and of opposition from Michigan Townships Association were**

reviewed and discussed in detail. This proposal would change the law regarding need for a simple majority vote to requiring a 2/3 majority vote to approve certain types of legislation.

8. **Central Lake District Library; Invitation to attend an Open House on September 22, 2000 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM to view the new computers.**
9. **Charter Communications: Cable TV Service in Ellsworth and parts of township sent letter advising the franchise agreement is due to expire July 19, 2002 and plans to request renewal of the agreement. Supervisor will contact the legal counsel for input re: payments, coverage areas, etc.**
10. **PA 116 Agreements: Application for PA 116 for 5 parcels in Banks Township were submitted by Marvin & Jane Rubingh. Letters of support were received from the Antrim County Planning Commission, Antrim Soil Conservation Office and Village of Ellsworth. MOTION Heeres, Wieland, CARRIED to approve the applications for PA 116 and forward them to the Division of Land Resources Programs in Lansing for final approval.**
11. **Shelley Kester, candidate for District Court Judge addressed the board and expressed thanks for the support she received in the primary election in Banks Township. She outlined her background and agenda for the court if elected. Her primary goal would be to show children and young people the consequences of misbehavior. She proposes use of volunteers/mentors in the probation area to promote a closer response to probationers to promote compliance with the conditions of their probation.**
12. **Township Hall: Janitor was approached by Sandy Shipman with a proposal to purchase the 60 pieces of green dishes in the kitchen for \$5 per piece or \$300. Clerk will contact the Lioness Club to see if the dishes will need to be replaced and a potential cost for replacements before selling the dishes.**
13. **Office Chairs: Clerk reports the Village Council has given a commitment of up to \$2000 for the purchase of chairs for the office. Clerk presented some options for chairs and prices. MOTION VanderArk, Wieland, CARRIED to purchase 10 hi back, heavy-duty chairs for the office and thank the Village for their contribution. Clerk will have sample chairs delivered so they can be tried before ordering.**
14. **Audit: Clerk reports the 1999-2000 audit has finally been done. The report has not been received yet as was promised when the auditor left on September 7. The Clerk had requested the audit be done in April or May as the records were completed and available. The work was started in June and after numerous telephone calls to the auditor, completed September 7. Supervisor reports receipt of letter from Treasury Department that they have not received the audit report yet and they might hold up the revenue sharing funds.**

15. **ACNA: Minutes of August meeting were reviewed and agenda for September meeting. Notice of Violation in harvesting boulders from the lake received from the DEQ. Copy of an application for removal of boulders from the lake to place on the shoreline was received from the DEQ.**
16. **Zoning Board of Appeals: Village ZBA Hearing notice for business from an accessory building. Variance was denied. Township ZBA Hearing for variance for Monica & Ray Domas to allow small accessory building to be closer to lot line than the 10 feet required was also denied.**
17. **Planning Commission: No quorum at September 14 meeting. Letter from Zoning Administrator with agenda items for next planning commission meeting: Friske Site Plan review, private driveways and co-location of antennae on towers. Copies of letters from zoning administrator regarding violations of the ordinance provisions**
18. **Info Items: Sheriff's report of activity during August, Par Plan News, Judicial Circuit Court Report, DNR Open House Oct 24, from 3 to 7:30 PM and Nov 6 at 9AM in Gaylord about forest management.**
19. **Bills represented by the attached list were presented for approval for payment. MOTION Wieland, Veenstra, CARRIED to pay the bills.**
20. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



**Donna L. Heeres
Banks Township Clerk**

Banks Township
Check Register September 2000

Chk #	Date		Account Number	Amount
1012	9/16/00	AGA Gas, Inc. FD Compressed Air	206-726-72600	40.44
1013	9/16/00	Antrim County 4-H Plat Book Adv	101-101-95300	50.00
1014	9/16/00	Antrim County Clerk Date Processing	101-258-80100	167.73
1015	9/16/00	AT&T Twp & FD Long Distan	Several Accounts	18.32
1016	9/16/00	Atwood General Stor FD Gas	206-726-95700	44.00
1017	9/13/00	Citizens Bank 941 Payment 9/00 3rd	Several Accounts	1,202.15
1018	9/16/00	Consumers Energy Twp Hall, Bank, FD	Several Accounts	135.66
1019	9/16/00	Deluxe Business For Treasurer Deposit St	101-253-95500	41.90
1020	9/16/00	Donna L. Heeres elections, ZBA, Zonin	Several Accounts	363.33
1021	9/16/00	Ellsworth Farmers E Cem, Park, FD Fuel	Several Accounts	891.35
1022	9/16/00	Front Line Services FD Repairs to 6620	206-726-93000	616.00
1023	9/16/00	Gall's Inc. FD Lights, Bag	Several Accounts	559.94
1024	9/16/00	Great Lakes Energy Atwood Street Lights	101-448-92100	209.28
1025	9/16/00	Heeres Excavating Cemetery Drive Re-gr	101-276-95500	100.00
1026	9/16/00	John Hastings Twp Hall Cleaning Su	101-265-95500	33.36
1027	9/16/00	Marion Williams Election Inspector 1	101-191-70100	9.00
1028	9/16/00	Northern MI Welding Rescue O2	101-652-72600	6.98
1029	9/16/00	OTEC FD Radio Power Suppl	206-726-95500	110.00
1030	9/16/00	Our Town Software Software Support Agr	101-259-80300	150.00
1031	9/16/00	Printing Systems Laser Checks	101-101-95400	152.97
1032	9/16/00	State Electronics FD 2 Monitors	206-726-95500	552.00
1033	9/16/00	U.S. Postmaster FD Box Rent	206-890-89000	14.00
1034	9/16/00	UpNorth Publication ZBA Adv: Domas	101-410-90000	27.40
1035	9/16/00	Verizon North Twp Hall & FD Teleph	Several Accounts	192.39
1036	9/16/00	Waste Management of Twp Hall Dumpster	101-265-95500	60.88
1037	9/20/00	Dennis Penfold ZBA Hearing Domas	101-410-70100	25.00
1038	9/20/00	Jack Danbert ZBA Hearing Domas	101-410-70100	25.00
1039	9/20/00	Marvin Rubingh ZBA Hearing Domas	101-410-70100	25.00
1040	9/20/00	Tina McDuffie ZBA Hearing Domas	101-410-70100	25.00
		Net cash for fund 101		-2,956.12
		Net cash for fund 206		-2,892.96
		Total		-5,849.08