

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER: The Supervisor called the board meeting to order at 7:00PM on Monday January 19, 2004. Present were: Supervisor, Midge Werner; Michelle Murdick, Clerk; Diane Kiessel, Treasurer; Jim Mebert and Ron Collins, Trustees. There were 11 audience members present.

AGENDA APPROVAL: MOVE BY KIESSSEL, SECOND BY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA MOVING TOWNSHIP PLANNER, PENDING BUSINESS LETTER B UNDER NEW BUSINESS LETTER B 2003-2004 BUDGET.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

December 15, 2003: MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSSEL TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2003 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: CORRECTED SPELLING OF YEAGER AND THE ADDITION OF "TO SUPPORT BALLOT LANGUAGE AS ORGINALLY PRESENTED" UNDER 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MARY BUSH.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

November 17, 2003: MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSSEL TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2003 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: PAGE 1 SPELLING OF BINGHAM; PAGE 4 UNDER TREASURER'S REPORT A CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS DATE; AND UNDER TREASURER'S REPORT THE DELETION OF ½ DAY FROM HELP WITH WINTER TAX COLLECTION.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: WERNER, KIESSSEL
NAYS: MURDICK, MEBERT, COLLINS
MOTION FAILED**

MOVE BY MURDICK, SECOND BY MEBERT TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2003 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: PAGE 1 SPELLING OF BINGHAM; PAGE 2 UNDER TREASURER'S REPORT A CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS DATE.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: MURDICK, MEBERT
NAYS: WERNER, KIESSSEL, COLLINS
MOTION FAILED**

THE NOVEMBER 17, 2003 MEETING MINUTES WERE NOT APPROVED.

December 8, 2003 Joint Meeting Minutes: MOVE BY KIESSSEL, SECOND BY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2003 JOINT MEETING MINUTES WITH THE SPELLING CHANGE OF DEZUR ON PAGE ONE.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED AT 7:12PM

· Don Kiessel Jr. asked about the taking of meeting minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED AT 7:13PM

PENDING BUSINESS:

Fire and Rescue Millage: Werner polled the board members for options, comments or recommendations. MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSEL TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY APRIL 20, 2004 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE AND RESCUE MILLAGE.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: COLLINS, KIESSEL, MURDICK, MEBERT, WERNER
NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

- Mary Bush submitted another 28 names on a petition in favor of original ballot proposal
- Patricia Foster commented on proposed community room
- Bob Foster commented on a letter from Duane Bingel
- Cathy Herman asked the board to reflect on their decision

Board Discussion.

By consensus, the board approved a Special Meeting on Thursday January 29, 2004 at 5:00PM at the Bingham Township Hall for the purpose of discussing different plans for the new fire and rescue millage proposal.

MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSEL TO MOVE THE BINGHAM TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING FROM MONDAY APRIL 19, 2004 TO MONDAY APRIL 26, 2004.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Kiley Project: No action required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Board Appointment: Werner received a letter stating that Orpha Drone will not seek re-appointment as a library board trustee. Two residents applied to fill the position – Karen Schaub and Roy Hajek. Brief discussion. MOVE BY COLLINS, SECOND BY KIESSEL TO APPOINT KAREN SCHAUB TO THE LIBRARY BOARD TO FILL THE VACANCY OF ORPHA DRONE.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Werner to contact Roy Hajek regarding decision.

2003-2004 Budget:

The board reviewed the 2003-2004 budget due to revenue cuts. Murdick to present budget reports to board members every month from now on.

MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY MEBERT TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE POLICY FOR SPENDITURES UP TO \$200 WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL UNTIL THE END OF THE 2003-2004 BUDGET YEAR. EXPENDITURES UP TO \$50 ARE ALLOWED WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The board will review the need for a township planner for fiscal year 2004-2005.

Board of Appeals Appointments:

MOVE BY MEBERT, SECOND BY COLLINS TO RE-APPOINT MIKE PARK TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR ANOTHER 3 YEAR TERM.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

MOVE BY MEBERT, SECOND BY COLLINS TO RE-APPOINT DERREK KULPA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR ANOTHER 3 YEAR TERM.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Assessor’s Quarterly Report: MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSEL TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSOR’S QUARTERLY REPORT AS PRESENTED.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

2004 Summer Tax Collection: Kiessel presented a contract to be approved for the 2004 summer tax collection for Suttons Bay School.

MOVE BY WERNER, SECOND BY KIESSEL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-04 (AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES) AS PRESENTED.

**ROLLCALL VOTE: AYES: COLLINS, KIESSEL, WERNER, MURDICK, MEBERT
NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS:

Zoning: Report in writing.

PLANNING: December – Public Hearing with Leelanau Trail regarding paving issues and a preliminary presentation for a development on Pleasant Hill road property.

TREASURER: Commented that balances with Clerk. No printed report.

SUPERVISOR: Received rate change from Charter Communication. Commented on signed contract with Suttons Bay Schools regarding recreational programs.

TRUSTEES: Collins commented on a positive side that the Treasurer and Clerk have balanced for last 2 months.

CLERK: MOVE BY MURDICK, SECOND BY MEBERT TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND PAYROLL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Purchase Orders: Mebert and Murdick presented a written statement. Mebert and Murdick to establish language for the township policy and procedures manual and will get it to the board for approval when completed.

Township Office Fax Machine: Murdick supplied a written statement on fax machine purchase.

Fee Schedule for Hall Rental Deposit Money: Werner and Murdick to establish a fee schedule and will get to the board for approval, possibly at the February meeting.

Audit Report – Overspent Cost Center: Murdick supplied a written statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED AT 8:42PM

- Bob Foster commented on balancing and reports
- Bob Foster commented on letters to the editor (Leelanau Enterprise)
- Cathy Herman commented on the lower number of Land Use Permits for the township and to keep it mindful when determining millage

Werner received a call regarding snowmobiles in the Maple Grove cemetery. Werner contacted Jim Flees and the Sheriff's department. The cemetery committee to make sure it is touched on in the cemetery ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED AT 8:53PM

WERNER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Murdick
Bingham Township Clerk