

**Bangor Township Meeting
September 12th, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Township Board was held at the Bangor Township Hall on September 12th, 2023 at 7:00pm. Board Members present were Michael Sullins- Supervisor, Amanda Karr-ABSENT Clerk, Sandra Karr- Treasurer, David Houdek- Trustee and Regina Hoover- Trustee.

Opened meeting at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Special Hearing of August 8th 2023 approved by consent.
The minutes of the Regular meeting of August 8th 2023 approved by consent.

I. Reports:

A. Clerks Report

1. 12 Receipts totalling \$38,940.58
 2. Bills
 - a) Vouchers 9008-9028 totalling \$72,428.58
 - b) Motion to approve vouchers 9008-9028 totalling \$72,428.58
- Motion: Sullins Second: Houdek

Sullins: Yes Sandra Karr: Yes Amanda Karr: Absent
Hoover: Yes Houdek: Yes
Supervisor declared motion passed
Financial Statements are available.

B. Treasurer's Report

1.	Bangor Banking Center Super Multiplier	\$419,831.23
	Interest Earned	\$89.70
	Bangor Banking Center Municipality	\$11,548.23
	Interest Earned	\$2.01
	Bangor Banking Center Tax Checking	\$95,557.29
	Interest Earned	\$10.36
	Bangor Banking Center Cemetery Fund	\$12,293.65
	Bangor Banking Center Fire Escrow	\$3.30
	Bangor Banking Center Police	\$1,432.52
	Bangor Banking Center ORV	\$100.39
	PNC Bank	\$243,142.10
	Interest Earned	\$2.07
	Huntington Bank	\$306,264.28
	Interest Earned	\$78.02
	Huntington Bank #2	\$360,215.56
	Interest Earned	\$91.75

Consumers Credit Union	\$252,233.52
Interest Earned	\$320.05

- C. County Commissioner- Mike Chappel reported that they approved an early voting grant application for a countywide polling site. They approved for a ministry to set up tables outside of the court house on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am. to noon from August 30 to November 30, 2023. They have a bunch of county vehicles that they are going to be auctioning off as well as they will be purchasing 8 patrol vehicles 4 are from last year that were never delivered due to supply shortage and 4 for this year.**

- D. Fire Board- Chief Derek Babcock reported 61 calls for August, of the 61, 19 of the calls were in Bangor Township. He also reported that they just received a Michigan Fire grant for \$30,000 from the State of Michigan. The grant gives out \$10,000 per entity that the department covers and with the Fire department covering 3 different entities it allowed them to apply for the grant 3 times. The grant is for departments that have at least 50% of the department on-call or volunteer so it allows for smaller departments to apply and keep larger departments out of the pool of applicants. The department will be applying the funds to their budget to allow for reimbursement for gear from last year that came in at different times and threw off the budget. As well as purchasing more new gear and equipment. They will be replacing the Fire Chief's truck due to it being out of commission for the last couple of months and will be going through with the Michigan Lemon Law to get a replacement truck. The department has one new person starting a hybrid class in Benton Harbor on Tues, Thrus, and Sat for the next 2 months with the class being complete on November 15, 2023. The Chief also discussed a couple of locations that do not have very good accessibility for the fire trucks to get down the road or even turn around.**

- E. WFS- Kathy Sheldon reported about how our audit from August went. The Township had a full audit that we are required to have every other year. Kathy reported that during COVID there were new standards that were meant to be put in place but were pushed back 2 years and are now coming into effect with audits now. The big standard is the Lease Standard which applies to anyone that has a lease like equipment. But as the township only has a straight lease on the two copiers they were able to waive it and allow it to be listed as an asset and a debt on the books due to the payments being so small per month. Kathy also informed the board that we need to make sure that we make amendments to the budget throughout the year to avoid budget violations. The board was informed that we did have two budget violations that can be amended. Kathy informed the board that the**

audit went very well other than the two budget violations that can be amended. Kathy also mentioned if we need any help with filling the reporting for our ARPA funds they will be able to help fill out reports at their office.

- F. Van Buren County Road Commission- AJ Brucks reported that there is a family in the township that would like to split a parcel for a family member but there is a problem with the parcel that does not have access to the road. Where the road ends was once a bridge but many years ago the bridge failed and was never replaced so there is now a guardrail up. The road commission is willing to allow the road to be made longer but would need the family and the township to work together to lengthen the road or the family would have to create an easement on the parcel they are going to be splitting.
- G. Road Commission- W.C. Askew reported that the Road Commission is working on preparing for winter as well as working on getting fog seal put down. He also informed the Board that the Road Commission will be closed on Thursday 9/14/2023.
- H. Consumers Energy- Derek Nofz reported that they are in the process of siting solar in the State of Michigan they are looking to build 800 megawatts of solar all over the state and will be looking at areas that are located near their current facilities or large tracts of land. Most of the land they are looking at is between 500-900 acres of land per project. He informed the board that some of their projects do not always adhere to township boundaries. He left some information on their most frequently asked questions for the public and for the board to look at.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Transfer Station

Notes: The board reviewed the breakdown sheet that shows the cost of how much it will be to update the transfer station. The board also reviewed a bid that was submitted to remove asbestos from the building at the transfer station. The board will be discussing this topic more at next month's meeting.

B. Solar Ordinance Draft

Notes: The board has a Solar Ordinance draft that they will be looking over until next month's meeting.

- C. Michigan Class- The board is opting to not go with them due to Michigan Class not being FDIC insured.

Motion to opt out of going with Michigan Class and look into other FDIC banks.

Motion:Sullins Second:Hoover

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr: absent, Sandra Karr:yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover: yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

IV. New Business

- A. Early Voting to be Handled by Van Buren County Clerk's Office

Motion to allow the Van Buren County Clerk's Office to handle the required 9 days of early voting.

Motion: Sullins Second: S.Karr

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr: absent Sandra Karr: yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover:yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

- B. Resolution 2023-11 LED Traffic Signs

Motion to approve resolution 2023-11 LED Traffic Signs for the curves around Merriman Lake on County Road 687.

Motion:Hoover Second:Houdek

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr: absent, Sandra Karr:yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover:yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

- C. Road Commission Program Sheet #497.2900

Motion to approve Road commission Program Sheet #497.2900 to put 2 LED signs up on the curves of Merriman Lake.

Motion: S.Karr Second:Houdek

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr:absent, Sandra Karr:yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover: yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

- D. Building Inspector

Motion to appoint Dave Houdek Jr. to become Bangor townships Building inspector as well as pay for the classes that he would need to take to become certified.

Motion: Sullins Second:S.Karr

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr:absent, Sandra Karr:yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover: yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

E. Approve Audit

Motion to approve audit that Waker, Fluke, and Sheldon conducted.

Motion: Sullins Second:Houdek

Sullins: yes, Amanda Karr:absent, Sandra Karr:yes, Houdek:yes,

Hoover: yes

Supervisor declared motion passed

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Meeting Adjourned 8:46pm

Respectfully Submitted

Tempest Sullins

Bangor Township Deputy Clerk