

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor, Rodney Winkel called the January 11, 2021 meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road. The meeting began with ringing of the bell and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Present:** R. Winkel, N. Weber, J. Yetzke, P. Hiler-Molter, D. Baiers / **Absent:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Opened: 7:01p.m. Closed: 7:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion to approve January's Agenda by N. Weber / J. Yetzke. (attached) **All in Favor**

**POLICE REPORT**

- Berrien County Sheriff's Department submitted November 2020 report. (attached)

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Consent Agenda** – Motion by J. Yetzke / N. Weber to approve Consent Agenda, Check Detail and Payroll in the amount of \$46,198.25 (attached)  
Recorder called roll: D. Baiers, J. Yetzke, N. Weber, P H Molter, R. Winkel **Motion Carried**

**TREASURER REPORT**

- **Report** - Last day taxes can be paid at Township will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, interest on all C.D.'s has not been collected, and the end of 5-year plan is approaching. (attached)  
Motion by J. Yetzke / D. Baiers to accept Treasurer's report for January 2021  
Recorder called roll: N. Weber, P. Hiler- Molter, D. Baiers, R. Winkel, J. Yetzke **Motion Carried**

**REPORTS/SUPERVISOR:**

- Assessor, Building, Electrical, Enforcement, Sister Lakes Fire, Mechanical, & Plumbing. (attached)

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Drain Commission / Clean Cut** – It was decided that Supervisor, Winkel will contact Township Attorney to see what action should be taken with Drain Commission regarding Clean Cut collection.
- **Re-Zone – GEM Tomato** – Board decided to let the request for a re-zone - G. Williams Farm from Ag to Commercial, be dropped.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Township Attorney - Letter of Intent**  
Motion by P.Hiler- Molter / D. Baiers to accept an increase for legal services by Dave Peterson. Fee now \$165 per hour, plus expenses. (attached)  
Recorder called roll: J. Yetzke, N. Weber, D. Baiers, PH Molter, R. Winkel      **Motion Carried**
- **2021-2022 - Adopt Poverty Exemption Asset Test** – Resolution offered by PH Molter / D. Baiers to adopt 2020 -2022 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test. (attached)  
Recorder called roll: P. Hiler-Molter, N Weber, D. Baiers, R. Winkel, J. Yetzke. (attached)  
**Resolution Carried**
- **2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates** – Resolution offered by P. Hiler-Molter /J. Yetzke  
Establishing Meeting Dates for 2021-2022. (attached)  
Recorder called roll: R. Winkel, P. Hiler-Molter, D. Baiers, N. Weber, J. Yetzke      **Resolution Carried**
- **2021-2022 Annual Investment & Depositories** – Resolution offered by N. Weber / J. Yetzke to adopt 2021-2022 Investment and Depository Designation with the change of TFC to TCF. (attached)  
Recorder called roll: R. Winkel, P. Hiler-Molter, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke, N. Weber      **Resolution Carried**
- **Fire Contracts – Benton Charter Township–**  
Motion by P.H. Molter / J. Yetzke to extend option to renew contract for another year. (\$50,000)  
Recorder called roll: D. Baiers, N. Weber, R. Winkel, P. Hiler-Molter, J. Yetzke      **Motion Carried**  
  
**Fire Contracts – Sister Lakes Fire District**  
Motion by P.H. Molter / D Baiers to extend option to renew contract for another year, with 2 mills extended based on the Board of Review.  
Recorder called roll: J. Yetzke, R. Winkel, P. Hiler-Molter, N. Weber, D. Baiers      **Motion Carried**
- **2021-2022- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendment** - Motion by D. Baiers / N. Weber to approve Budget Amendments as presented. Line Items are good to final. (attached)  
Recorder called roll: N. Weber, P. Hiler-Molter, J. Yetzke, R. Winkel, D. Baiers      **Motion Carried**
- **Watervliet Fire Department** – Supervisor, Winkel will contact Bill Whitney, Acting Fire Chief of Watervliet to invite them to February's Board Meeting to give presentation. Watervliet would like to take back North Quadrant of Bainbridge Fire District. Supervisor will meet with the Sister Lakes Fire Department prior to the February meeting to review their contract with them.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Opened, 7:36 p.m. / Closed, 7:47 p.m.  
Millburg Trailer Park in discussion which led to Zoning Administrator, Ross Rogien to assess the zoning codes needed for infractions at 370 Millburg Drive.
- Sister Lakes Fire District has a faulty answering machine and needs to be addressed for leaving messages. Supervisor will contact their office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hartford Master Plan submitted.

ADJOURN:

- Motion by J. Yetzke / N. Weber to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

All in favor  
**Motion Carried**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Patty Hiler-Molter, Clerk*

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is required it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*