

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Erin Stieg  
**Absent:** Pete Fredrickson, Lowell Vagle

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Heuer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** After review and discussion, John Rowles made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were reviewed and the word "Visitors" was added to the heading "Constituents". Brian Merschman motioned to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by John Rowles and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** No one present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads:** No report, Pete Fredrickson was absent for this meeting.

**Signs:** No report.

**Fire:** The budget was reviewed, and there was some discussion about an email Brian got from Dave Hoefler about the Independent School District and Bemidji State University joining the Rural Fire District. Bemidji Township is opposed to the concept of the governance portion of the agreement for the Rural Fire District and Brian suggested that a letter be written to officially state our opposition. This item will be placed on the 3/19/13 agenda.

**Weeds:** No report.

**BATO/ BRACO:** No report.

**Joint Governance:** No report.

**Legal Issues:** Bemidji Township is getting close to picking a date for mediation. More information will be given at the next meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Wang presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning Balance 1/31/2013    \$720,044.11

<u>Receipts</u>		
Election Filing Fee	\$	2.00
Money Market Interest	\$	108.50
Total	\$	110.50

Disbursements

General	\$ 8,218.81
Road & Bridge	\$ 8,269.80
Fire	\$ - - -
Total	\$16,488.61

Ending Balance 12/31/2012 \$703,666.00

John Rowles made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The motion carried unanimously. This report was filed subject to audit.

**Bills:**

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by John Rowles to approve the payment of checks 10113 to 10124 (see attached Claims List and Net Pay Distribution lists) and to approve the Beltrami Electric, First National Bank, Minnesota Energy, Otter Tail Power, and Paul Bunyan Communications automatic withdrawals. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by John Rowles, to approve the sale of investments for \$17,000.00 from money market fund to checking. The motion passed unanimously.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Administrator's Report:** None given.

**JPC Representatives Attendance:** No representatives were present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- MAT training: Brian Merschman made a motion for Bemidji Township to pay any member of the Board for time, mileage, and expenses if they would like to attend one of the training sessions this spring. John Rowles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Board of Adjustment Meeting: Erin will call the County Assessor's office to verify the location for the B.O.A. in May. This item will be placed on the agenda for 3/19/13.

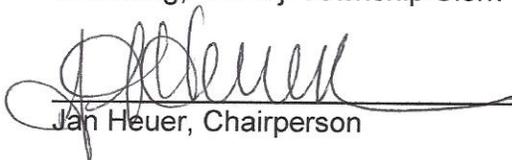
**ADJOURN:**

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by John Rowles, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk

  
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Approved 3/19/13

  
Jan Heuer, Chairperson