

**AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
January 2, 2018**

Supervisor Seymour called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Avery Township Hall with the pledge to the American Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Thom Seymour, Supervisor; Jean Angell, Treasurer; Ann Seymour, Clerk; Gary Mc Murphy, Trustee.  
Absent: None  
Guests: Dawn Dobbyn; Don Angell, Dep. Treasurer.

Supervisor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Trustee Roselyn Ferguson who passed away.

Motion by Gary McM urphy, seconded by Jean Angell to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes of the Avery Township Board as submitted. All in favor, motion carried. Yea 4 No 0 Absent 1.

Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Gary Mc Murphy to approve the December 31, 2017 Treasurer's report as submitted as follows: All in favor, motion carried. Yea 4 No 0 Absent 1.

**TRIAL BALANCE STATEMENT AS December 31, 2017:**

Cash on hand:.....	\$ 9,351.13
Disbursements:.....	- 4,782.12
Bank Dividends/Interest:.....	0.00
Bank Charges:.....	- 0.00
Receipts.....	<u>5,081.02</u>
TOTAL.....	\$ 9,650.03

AACU CD #300.....	\$ 21,322.45	Matures 1/25/19
AAACU CD #301.....	\$ 21,322.45	Matures 1/25/19
AAACU CD# 307.....	\$ 10,661.31	Matures 1/25/19
AAACU CD #308.....	\$ 24,823.01	Matures 5/8/19
AAACU CD #309.....	\$ 23,631.85	Matures 5/8/19
TOTAL.....	\$ 101,761.07	

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to authorize payment of vouchers #3316-3435 inclusive totaling \$4,782.12. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** Supervisor addressed the matter of a vacancy for Township Trustee due to recent passing of Roselyn Ferguson.

Dawn Dobbyn, former Township Treasure expressed an interest in filling the unexpired term of Trustee left open by the passing of Roselyn Ferguson.

Motion by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Jean Angell to appoint Dawn A. Dobbyn to fill the Trustee position, the vacancy on the Tri- Township Fire Department and Planning Commission. that is currently vacant. Roll call vote: Ayes: Jean Angell, Gary McMurphy, Ann Seymour, Thom Seymour. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Clerk swore new Trustee Dawn Dobbyn in for the position of Trustee, Tri-Twp. Fire Department member, and to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Jean Angell, Dawn Dobbyn to amend the FY 2017/2018 Budget to transfer \$275.00 from Contingency to Clerk Control to cover additional wages for the training of a new Deputy Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy adopt the following Poverty Guidelines and Poverty Guideline Resolution to be take effect immediately.

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charges is, eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 the Township of Avery, Montmorency County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor/assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
4. Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce , if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the Federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

#### FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2018 ASSESSMENTS:

Following are the federal poverty guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

#### Size of Family Unit Poverty Guidelines.

1	\$12,060
2	\$16,240
3	\$20,420
4	\$24,600
5	\$28,780
6	\$32,960
7	\$37,140
8	\$41,320

For each additional person, adds \$4,180.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Jean Angell and supported by Township Board Member Gary McMurphy.

Upon Roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Thomas Seymour, Supervisor; Ann Seymour, Clerk; Jean Angell, Treasurer; Trustee; Gary McMurphy; Dawn Dobbyn, Trustee.

The following voted "Nay": None Those absent: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Ann M. Seymour, Clerk

I, Ann M. Seymour, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Avery Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on Tuesday, January 2, 2017 at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

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Ann M. Seymour, Clerk

Supervisor handed out copies of the Blight Elimination Ordinance to be reviewed Prior to Board action on it. Tabled until full Board can review and act on it at April 2018 meeting.

Motion by Jean Angell, Seconded by Gary McMurphy to authorize the Clerk to sign the Grant Application for the acquisition of new voting equipment. All in favor, motion carried.

AIRPORT REPORT: By Jean Angell. .

AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Thom Seymour.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report.

BOR REPORT: Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Gary McMurphy to send the Board of Review Members and the Supervisor to and educational training meeting on February 13, 2018 in Alpena. All in favor, motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: No report.

ELECTION REPORT: No report.

FIRE BOARD REPORT: Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to appoint Dawn Dobbyn as Board member to fill the vacant position on the ~~Planning Commission~~ <sup>FIRE BOARD</sup>. All in favor, motion carried 4 Ayes No 0.

MONTMORENCY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: No report.

MONTMORENCY COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Supervisor read a communication from the Road Commission stating that they will be re-paving Pleasant Valley Road Hall Road to Shields Road this summer at no cost to the Township.

MTA COUNTY CHAPTER: Next meeting 1/11/18 at Rust Twp. Speaker Carl Cadwalder on the Internet service coming to Montmorency County. meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PARK REPORT: No report.

P.I.E. & G. CO-OP LAISON BOARD: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by A. Seymour to appoint Dawn Dobbyn to fill the vacant Board member position on the Avery Township Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

The regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting was cancelled until February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: No report.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No report. Currently have vacancy.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read and returned to the Clerk for filing and disposition.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Seymour, Clerk