



1. B&F is endorsed by Michigan Townships Association (MTA).
2. B&F has been in business since 1966.
3. B&F deals only with Townships.
4. Administrative Services
  - a. all insurance companies have the same price for benefits with HealthPlus and Blue Cross/Blue Shield
  - b. all agents get paid the same commission but the question is what does the municipality receive from the agent:
    1. **Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA)** – B&F pays for Cobra Administration
      - a. huge liability for townships and for the private sector
      - b. B&F has been involved with COBRA since 1989
      - c. most corporations are not administering COBRA correctly
        1. liability of fines associated with Department of Labor and the IRS
        2. liability that if not administering COBRA correctly and there is a claim the attorney could come after the township.
        3. B&F determined COBRA too big of a liability, so takes money out of commissions to pay for a COBRA Administrator to deal with townships that B&F represents
    2. **TookKit** – there would be an administration password and employees would have a generic password to see specific benefits which they have; employees can obtain claim forms, prescription forms, etc; information is available 24/7.
    3. Specific services available: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA); some federal laws/assistance is farmed out and the money is taken out of B&F’s pocket to cover the cost.
    4. **Employee Meetings** – very important to have employee meetings so that employees know and understand what employee benefits are available.
    5. **Cash in Lieu of Benefits** – work with Townships on trying to maximize costs such as putting a cash in-lieu of benefits programs.
5. HealthPlus Renewal vs. HAP Alternatives
  - a. changes:
    1. office visit from \$15 to \$20
    2. emergency room services from \$50 to \$100
    3. urgent care from \$25 to \$30
    4. generic drugs from \$10 to \$15
    5. name brand drugs from \$20 to \$25
  - b. the biggest impact would be a \$5 increase for office visits and prescription drugs but would decrease the premium by four (4%) percent.

A decision will be made at the July meeting regarding which Insurance Company will be representing Flushing Township

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Second Reading of An Ordinance to Make the Violation of Certain Ordinances a Misdemeanor and to Make the Violation of Other Ordinances a Civil Infraction**

**FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Reed for the second reading of the Ordinance to Make the Violation of Certain Ordinances a Misdemeanor and to Make the Violation of Other Ordinances a Civil Infraction (No. 61-1-94 in 1994). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Approval for Attendance at the MTA Summer Evening Zoning Workshop – July 31, 2007 at Frankenmuth, Michigan**

The MTA Summer Evening Zoning Workshop will take place July 31, 2007 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, Michigan at an early-bird cost of \$70 per person. **FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to allow anyone from the Planning Commission to attend the MTA Summer Evening Zoning Workshop at an early bird cost of \$70 each.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, and Fotenakes

NAYS: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Trotogot

3. **Railroad Management LLC Statement**

**BACKGROUND HISTORY:**

- a. one year ago Flushing Township received a statement from Railroad Management LLC stating they were raising the cost for the lease of the waterline going under the railroad track on Mt. Morris Road, from \$100 every ten (10) years to \$350 per year
- b. Flushing Township has a contract with Railroad Management LLC which states the township only has to pay \$100
- c. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** sent a letter to Railroad Management LLC that stated Flushing Township would only pay \$100.
- d. Another statement was recently received for \$350.

**ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated Flushing Township had previously expressed their position in a letter; the only change Railroad Management LLC could account for was administration fees. The position of the Flushing Board of Trustees has not changed.

**FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Minaudo to have **ATTORNEY MOULTON** send another letter and explain the position of the Board of Trustees. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LIEPMANN** stated the Township would ignore any statements received from Railroad Management LLC after **ATTORNEY MOULTON** has sent the letter.

4. **Approval for Social Systems Research Institute to do a “Quality of Life Report” for Flushing Township**

**MR. ROBIN WIDGERY** of the Social Systems Research Institute, 1176 Robert T. Longway Blvd, Flint, Michigan has requested to prepare a demographic profile for Flushing Township; the same information is currently available from the Census Report. **LIEPMANN** stated there wasn’t money in the budget to prepare a profile of this type for Flushing Township. **REED** felt the profile was a proposal to publicize Flushing Township in case the township would like to increase business.

No action was taken on the matter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

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1. **Building Inspector's Report: FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Morford to accept the Building Inspector's Report and the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:**

NEW HOMES	1
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	6
DECKS	3
REMODELING	0
ADDITIONS	0
GARAGES	0
FENCE PERMITS	2
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	2
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	0

<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>14</b>
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MAY 2006	\$ 951,092
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MAY 2007	505,340

<b>PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR MAY 2007</b>	<b>\$ 2,731</b>
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TRAILER INSPECTIONS (1)	50
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	35
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	0
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	0
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
<b>FOR A TOTAL OF</b>	<b>\$ 2,816</b>

CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MAY 2006	3,333,242
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MAY 2007	1,357,350

<b>FOR A DECREASE OF</b>	<b>\$ 1,975,892</b>
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:****7:19 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**7:20 P.M. CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS****BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. **REED** stated she had some questions:
  - a. why was the Supervisor's telephone was so much more than anyone else's in the Budget. **LIEPMANN** stated the Supervisor

- paid for his wife's cell phone by the year so the total expense would be higher but would change each month.
- b. did anyone know anything about a lease that was drawn up for the Senior Building for a payment to be held in escrow to establish a fund to remodel or build a new Senior Center. **LIEPMANN** stated nothing has been drawn up between the Senior Center and the Township. **MINAUDO** wanted to know if the City of Flushing would have any information.
  - c. was it legal to pay an assessment for the Senior Center in order to become a member of the Center and to receive the Center's services. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated there could be an assessment to provide certain services and if that did not cover the cost, some type of fee in addition to the assessment could be required. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated he was not aware of anything that would prohibit a Center from charging a membership fee. Apparently the fee was in place before the Senior Citizens Millage was approved. **FOTENAKES** stated it was similar to Tucker Pool. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** wanted to know if there was a Senior Board; it was recommended that Supervisor Andy Trogot take the matter to the Board.
  - d. a situation had occurred where an elderly lady had been banned from participating in anything at the Flushing Senior Center. **LIEPMANN** stated the details were unavailable but the Center Board had handled the issue. **LIEPMANN** felt the Township needed to know the other side of the story. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated the issue should be presented to the Senior Center Board first, and if the situation wasn't adequately resolved by the Center Board, the next step would be to take the issue to the City of Flushing and the Flushing Township Board of Trustees since funding is provided by both municipalities for operation of the programs.

**LIEPMANN** stated Flushing Township no longer funded the Senior Center as everything now was funded by the Senior Citizen Millage. The Center van gasoline expenses are still included in the Township Budget.

5. **FOTENAKES** stated that, as a Realtor, she was really impressed with Flushing Township's Building Inspector because she has discovered that some municipalities do not get the VIN numbers of manufactured homes which has caused title problems. **FOTENAKES** was informed that **JERRY FITCH (FITCH)** has obtained VIN numbers every since he has been the Building Inspector for Flushing Township. **FOTENAKES** wanted to know how to go about having other municipalities obtain the information. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** indicated that it was not the function of one township to instruct another township on getting the information. **FOTENAKES** felt it was remarkable because with the information, it made it much easier to clear up title problems. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated there had been specific problems that **FITCH** was able to get the Township out of very easily because he knew the difference between a modular and a mobile home. **PRATT** stated the township was very fortunate to have a Building Inspector like **FITCH**.

6. **LIEPMANN** stated he had received notice from the Department of Treasury that the State Shared Revenue, which was budgeted for \$740,000 was being reduced to \$717,000; a \$23,600 reduction. Everything was based on the sales tax.

7. **LIEPMANN** stated David Rowe of Inland Seas Engineering will be making a presentation, at the next meeting, on the results of the Water and Sewer Rate Study, which has been commissioned by the township. Since Mr. Rowe is scheduled to have surgery on July 10, 2007 and the study has to be approved before August 1, 2007, as that is the date the increase goes into affect, it was recommended the next Board of Trustees meeting be held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

8. **REED** wanted to know when there would be a Public Hearing on the Lights at Large. **LIEPMANN** stated the letter had to be sent to the entire township by U.S. mail. Currently, the township is working on a program to send out the notices.

9. **LIEPMANN** stated the Board of Trustees have had two (2) insurance proposals regarding Health Insurance Benefits; both companies have the same rates. The issue will be placed on the Agenda for the July 9, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting. Burnham & Flowers is located out of Howell, MI; Total Benefits is located on Hill Road, Flint, Michigan.

10. **MORFORD** reminded everyone about the MTA Meeting with Larry Merrill scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the William Tunnicliff Auditorium (Flushing High School) Merrill will explain HB4780 which deals with the County taking over control of taxes, elections, and assessing.

11. **PRATT** felt that **DEPUTY SUPERVISOR PAT DROZDROWSKI (PAT)** deserved a big thanks for stepping in for **SUPERVISOR ANDY TROTOGOT** while he has been recovering from knee surgery.

**THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business matters, **CHAIR LIEPMANN** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

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CARL G. LIEPMANN, CHAIR  
acting in the absence of  
ANDREW TROTOGOT, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

06/14/07 Regular