

MINUTES

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2015

Supervisor Steve Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Ayoub, Mahoney Schafer, and Irrer, absent Schultheiss

Also in attendance were, Rex Ferguson, Tom Irrer, Sharon Worrall, Patrick Klein, Patrick Klein Jr, Audrey Tensen, Nick Tipper, Jack Terrill, Lori Pung, Robert Boettger, Marilyn Boettger, Chad Hartsuff, Dawson Hartsuff, Jon Greenfiled, Brandon Gifford, Bill VanElls

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Marilyn Irrer, to accept the agenda as amended, Motion Carried. Grants, Irrigation and Fracking were removed from the agenda.

Elizabeth Ayoub moved, supported by Deb Schafer to accept the Minutes of March 11, 2015 as amended, Motion Carried.

Elizabeth Ayoub moved, supported by Steve Mahoney to accept the Minutes of March 25, 2015 as presented, Motion Carried.

TREASURE REPORT:

Deb Schafer moved, supported by Marilyn Irrer to accept the Treasures Report as presented, Motion Carried.

Marilyn Irrer moved, supported by Deb Schafer to pay the current bills as presented, Motion Carried.
Total bills to be paid: \$7581.21

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment

Commissioners Report: Dave Pohl not present

Sheriff's Department Report: Officer Wiswasser not present

Assessors Report: Greg Armbrustmacher was not present

Roads:

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Marilyn Irrer to accept the contract from the Clinton County Road Commission to apply three applications of chloride on the township roads, Motion Carried.

A complaint was made from a township resident on the condition of Centerline Road west of Francis Road, the board will check into it.

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Elizabeth Ayoub to pay off the current loan on the township hall, Total to be paid is: \$113,381.62 Motion Carried.

Verizon Cell Tower:

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Deb Schafer to approve the site plan only on the location of the cell tower contingent on approval and signing of the lease, Motion Carried

Zoning:

Elizabeth Ayoub, presented three different estimates on the cost of zoning to the board. Thrun Law Firm had an estimate of \$3.000-\$5.000 for a boilerplate ordinance. Fahey Law Firm said if we drafted our own ordinance it would be about \$15.000, but if we use a boilerplate ordinance it would be around \$7.000-\$10.000. She also contacted Charles Fortino, which his cost would be \$130-\$150 per hour to do the ordinance.

ElizabethAyoub, moved supported by Deb Schafer to table zoning till all members of the board were present. A Roll Call Vote was taken on the motion: Yeas: Ayoub, Mahoney, Irrer, and Schafer, Nays: None, Absent: Schultheiss, Motion Carried.

Public Comments on Zoning:

Lori Pung, stated that zoning is a huge undertaking, the township residents are frustrated, they are at their wits end they have come to many meeting and nothing is being done, the county is not listening, Seven Commissioners are making the decision for our township. Bengal Township is one of the riches townships in the state of Michigan, We need to move forward with it, we need it. The residents have spoken and are asking for it.

Tom Irrer, asked why Bengal Township wants their own zoning over the county, what's one thing they want different then what the County is doing.

Robert Boegtter, stated that this has been to the circuit court and the court of appeals and defeated in both. The township has nothing for their investment. If we are going to pursue zoning, step up to the big leagues and get the Four and Five Hundred dollar guys that are going to get you result, no point in throwing money away in the minor leagues any more.

Bill VanElls , stated the county is not listening to the people that's where it's at, he stated he has great concerns about the cost, new rules, it's a big issue and it needs to be done right. We should not walk away from this issue. There have been many meetings with hundreds of people here and at the county Level; they are not all here tonight, but the people need to be heard.

Jack Terrill, this the single biggest issue in this township, it's hard to get people to show up every time to speak on the same issue, I think what the people are trying to say is that they want to be heard, the board is the townships voice to be heard and the citizens are not getting their say.

Nick Tipper, stated that he thought the new web site could be a good source of information to the people of the township, he also said it could be used as a sounding board to get information from people, we do need to get more information on cost before we make a decision on this issue.

AYSO: No new information, Steve has not heard back from them.

Ambulance: No report

Board Comments:

Elizabeth Ayoub moved, supported by Deb Schafer, that all communications or correspondence between the Bengal Township Board and attorneys would involve both the supervisor and the clerk simultaneously. Roll call vote was taken on this motion:

Yeas: Ayoub, Schafer, Nays: Mahoney, Irrer, Absent: Schultheiss, Motion Lost.

Steve Mahoney received a letter from Tom Leonard; he will have a Town Hall meeting on April 22, 7:00-8:30 at the Clinton County RESA Building. Michigan Township Association has some regional meetings coming up and a meeting on the Fundamentals of Planning & Zoning, more information can be gotten from the MTA Website.

Marilyn moved supported by Deb Schafer to adjourn the meeting, Motion Carried, Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Deborah Schafer, Clerk

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