

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MEETING 7:00 PM**

**April 12, 2017**

The Bengal Township Board meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Schafer at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Deb Schafer, Denice Schultheiss, Bill Kushmaul, Nick McDonald and Sharon Bassette

Public present: Tom and Marilyn Irrer

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said and the meeting commenced.

Treasurer Schultheiss moved to accept the **agenda** as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **March 8, 2017 meeting minutes** as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

The **March 29, 2017 Budget meeting minutes** were reviewed, Treasurer Schultheiss recommended adding “for fiscal year 2016/2017” to the Treasurer’s Report portion of the minutes. Treasurer Schultheiss moved to accept the minutes as amended, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss presented the **Treasurer's Report** with handout. She presented the completed fiscal yearend report for 2016/2017. Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerks Report**. She commented that the Board of Review minutes from March have been received. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the clerks report as presented, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette discussed that Cutting Edge Lawn was the only company to turn in a bid for lawn mowing and snow removal. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the Cutting Edge **Lawn Mowing and Snow Removal contract**, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the new **bond insurance** from Burnham and Flowers. Treasurer Schultheiss moved to approve the Burnham and Flower’s bond insurance as presented and effective 04/01/17, Supervisor Schafer supported, all in favor.

Clerk Bassette brought an **Application for Farmland Agreement for PA116** in the name of T.M. Irrer LLC, discussion commenced. The Irrer’s were in attendance and answered any questions.

Trustee Kushmaul made a motion to accept the Application for Farmland Agreement as discussed, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried. Also at this time Supervisor Schafer brought and discussed the Thurston PA116 received back from the County. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the Thurston PA116 as presented, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**, added a payment to Mark Holly for \$648.28, Deb Schafer advised that the check to Gill-Roy's should have been payable to her, Denice Schultheiss noted that the check payable to her was previously paid. Treasurer Schultheiss moved to accept the bills to be paid as revised, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No **Commissioners Report** was given.

No **Sherriff's Department Report** was given.

**Lawn Mowing and Snow Removal Contract** – see Clerk's report.

Supervisor Schafer discussed the **Assessor's Contract** that is currently up for renewal. Mark did not provide the contract for this meeting but stated that it will remain the same as the prior year contract. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the Assessors contract as long as it remains the same as the prior year, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No update for the **Planning Commission** was given.

Supervisor Schafter discussed the **roads** to be worked on this year advising that two additional roads are included in this year's work due to extra funds available. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to approve the road work as presented, Trustee McDonald supported, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer discussed the **ambulance service meeting** she attended; she asked for an alternate person to attend the meetings when she is unable. Schultheiss and McDonald volunteered.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Schafer discussed an appeal letter received from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office for a donation to the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Unit, discussion commenced. Supervisor Schafer made a motion to donate \$500, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

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Supervisor Schafer gave an update on the Verizon Tower and noted that no payment has been received to date, she continues to work on this.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.