

# BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 9, 2023

## MEETING 7:00 PM

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

Roll Call: All here includes: Nick McDonald, Sharon Bassette, Stan Sillman, Eric Boak. Absent: Lori Pung.

Community present: George Ayoub, Jordan Smith

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the agenda as present, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

The **July 12, 2023 meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette for review. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the minutes with errors corrected, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items:** n/a

**Commissioner's Report** – n/a

**Planning Commission Report** – No meeting

**Delegate Report** – Delegate George Ayoub reminded that there would be a police officer appreciation event at the township hall on August 30<sup>th</sup>, he distributed a flyer to put in the notice box in front of the building. There will be gift bags and snacks for the officers who show up, homemade ice cream. A delegate Facebook page is being established. Nick will put a notice on the township website and in the notice board in front of the hall.

**Auditor Presentation** – Jordan Smith from Maner Costerisan presented their final audit for the Township advising the township received the highest possible results, “clean-unmodified.”

**Sheriff Report** – n/a

**Treasurer's Report** – n/a

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report**, no account activity report was given. Clerk Bassette presented information regarding the upcoming election changes regarding early voting and the possible costs involved for each election. The early cost projection of \$1,000 to \$1,500 seem negligible compared to the possible costs of the township opening and manning a voting center for the 8 days of early voting. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented and to commence with working with the County to run a county wide election center for early voting, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

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The **current bills to be paid** were presented by Clerk Bassette. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$17,575.06, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Supervisor McDonald reviewed **road work and bridge updates**. He advised that the Commission should have the final pricing for the bridge on Dexter Trail within the next couple of weeks. He also advised that he has had some chloride complaints from the residents

**Building maintenance** was discussed by Supervisor McDonald including the men's room repairs work done by Fowler Plumbing and Heating, while at the hall they adjusted the drinking fountains. Since there was nothing the matter with the diaphragm, he suggested other ways we might keep it in better working condition to prevent future occurrences.

Supervisor McDonald stated there was nothing to report for the **Ambulance Update**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor McDonald discussed having a meeting including himself, the PC chair, the Clerk, and the Township Inspector to get a **process established for site inspections**.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Delegate George Ayoub thanked the board for our work.

### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Clerk is the only one who can contact Frontier regarding the phone line, why do we need it for the internet?

Trustee Sillman made a **motion to excuse** Lori Pung's absence, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette.