

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

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

Members present: Nick McDonald, Sharon Bassette, and Stan Sillman, Denice Schultheiss, and Eric Boak

Community present: Mark Holley

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the agenda for review, 2 items were added to New Business: Mark Holley, Board of Review and Denice Schultheiss, hall lighting needs. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the agenda with the two additions, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

The **January 12, 2022 meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette, Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss reviewed the **Treasurer's Report for January** stating nothing out of the ordinary for the month and she went over the taxes account. Trustee Boak made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Trustee Sillman supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report** and was off by \$311.22 which was check number 3480. This was a check that should have been voided since two checks were issued to replace it. An update on the findings from the Park Exploration Committee were given. The Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan participation request was reviewed and was determined that with very little or no Hazard issues we would not need to participate. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Clerk's report as presented with the correction, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**, Treasurer Schultheiss reminded that \$221.85 paid to the State of Michigan after the January meeting and before the February meeting should be ratified. Treasurer Schultheiss made motion to approve the bills presented plus the \$221.85 for a total of \$11,931.93, Trustee Sillman supported, motion carried. Also, due to the check issued to Hart Intercivic for equipment support in the amount of \$3618.00, Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to increase the election budget by \$2700 to \$3700, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Holley, the Township Assessor, advised about the **March Board of Review** was ready for the March Board of Review on March 16 and March 21. Clerk Bassette made a motion to adopt the March Board of Review Alternative Starting Date Resolution, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion

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carried and a roll call vote was done: McDonald, yes; Sillman, yes; Bassette, yes; Schultheiss, yes; Boak, yes. Supervisor McDonald declared the resolution adopted.

Mark Holley presented his **Contract for Professional Assessing Services** with Bengal Township. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the contract as present, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried.

No **Sheriff's Report** was given.

No **Commissioner's Report** was given.

Trustee Boak gave an **update on the Planning Commission** discussing a new junk complaint, existing complaints, the solar moratorium update.

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Covid Relief Funding, ARPA**, explaining that reporting will need to be done by April 1, 2022. Treasurer Schultheiss reminded that this will be on a regular reporting schedule. Treasurer Schultheiss suggested using some funds for new lighting in the township hall. Nick discussed a possible donation to CAASA for a new (used) Ambulance, everyone was interested but no decision was made regarding amount to give. It was decided to go ahead and check into lighting regardless of where the funds come from.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Road Commission agreements for Chloride** in the amount of \$57,466.65. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to approved the Road Commission agreements as presented, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: n/a

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.