

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

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

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

Members absent: Nick McDonald

Community Present: Lori Pung, Chris Verlinde, David Pohl, Barb Moss, Mark Holley

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

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

Trustee Kushmaul moved to accept the **01/09/2019 meeting minutes** as presented, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss presented the **Treasurer's Report** with handout. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerks Report**. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the clerks report as presented, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the bills to be paid as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Sheriff's Department Report** was given by Deputy Verlinde. He advised that so far this year we have been slower than normal with only a couple of drunken driving stops occurrences.

The **Commissioners Report** was given by Dave Pohl. Dave advised that he is now on the Community Mental Health board; the meeting for that board is also on the second Wednesday so his attendance at the township meetings will be limited. Dave recently went to training for sex and labor trafficking, his most important advice to all residents is to be aware of your surroundings. Updates were given on security updates at the court house.

Lori Pung gave an update on the **Zoning Commission** happenings. Last month Christopher Khorey from McKenna gave a presentation on the Zoning Board of Appeal process. The 10-year plan was discussed briefly. Lori advised that the commission has found a zoning inspector; she reviewed and made her recommendation for the **inspector contract**. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to approve the inspector contract as presented, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried but Trustee Kushmaul voted no.

The township Assessor **Barbara Moss made recommendations for splits** for the Mary Rademacher Trust, Jeff and Patty Thelen , and for Terry Thurston. A motion was by Supervisor Schafer to approve the listed land splits, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer presented **the bids for hall painting and parking lot expansion**. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the bid from Paint by Number, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried. The parking lot expansion was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Schafer discussed the **ambulance service**, including the addition of Elsie and Duplain townships who will be added to the list of townships using Clinton Area Ambulance Authority.

Supervisor Schafer announced the upcoming meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission on March 19th from 11:00 to 11:45 at the road commission offices. She asked members to try to come to the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Kushmaul made a motion to donate \$500 to the Tri County Narcotics Unit, Supervisor Schafer supported, motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.