

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**JANUARY 11, 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: Sharon Bassette, Stan Sillman, Eric Boak, Lori Pung, Nick McDonald

Community present: Dave Pohl, Mark Holley representative (no name given)

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, Trustee Sillman made a motion to approved the agenda as presented, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

The **December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette, Treasurer Pung made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** n/a

### **REPORTS**

The **Commissioner's Report** was given by Dave Pohl. Dave discussed the Michigan Public Safety Community System, 911. Waste Management will be offering the Recycling event on April 29<sup>th</sup> this year at the fairgrounds, Granger will hold an event on October 7 at their site. The county has a signed agreement now with LEAP for their membership, the county is excited for the membership. Dave advised that the Ways and Means Committee meeting will be on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, the ITC line will be discussed. Dave discussed the Ag-tech Corridor through LEAP, they are working with their Shiawassee Economic partner, the plan is to have the Corridor run from Owosso to Kent County using M21. Broadband bids will be opened at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, grants for the project are looking good.

No **Planning Commission** meeting was held in December, no report given.

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

Treasurer Pung discussed the **Treasurer's report**. It was discussed that Deputy Treasurer will be out of town on 2/28 so she will not be at the township hall to collect the taxes; in her place will be Tony Fedewa, who Lori has appointed. Also discussed were budget adjustments. Reclassification of the BOR and Planning Commission salaries due to \$1617.27 was posted to Planning Commission incorrectly, it should be in the ZBA account. Also, a \$500 increase to the supplies account, 101.265.010 was discussed. Other adjustments were discussed but it was decided to revisit those later. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and recommended budget changes as addressed, Trustee Boak supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report, the March Board of Review Alternative Starting Date resolution** was approved and a roll call vote was taken: Sillman, aye; Boak. aye; McDonald, aye; Pung, aye; Bassette, aye. The resolution was adopted. The Clerk Activity report was reviewed and is inline

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with the Deputy Treasurer's report. Treasurer Pung made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

The **current bills to be paid** were presented, a request to add checks for Denice's reimbursement, the cemetery tree maintenance, and the McKenna bill (from December) were discussed. Clerk Bassette made a motion to pay the bills presented, plus the 3 additional bills, in the amount of \$25,104.41, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried. Clerk Bassette made a motion to increase the cemetery account on the budget by \$800, Treasurer Pung supported, motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Supervisor McDonald updated the board on a request for funding for the **Clinton County Ambulance Service**, they are requesting a \$12 increase per capita, in the amount of \$14,256 to assist with services provided. Supervisor McDonald made a motion to increase the Ambulance funding as presented, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Dexter Trail culvert** and another located on Walker Rd. As discussed previously the Dexter Trail bridge was closed until a new bridge is completed. Supervisor McDonald presented the cost provided by the County Road Commission at \$566,000. **The Walker Road bridge** is not closed at this time, but we should be prepared for a new culvert there also.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor McDonald advised on the cost for a potential **digital road** sign that has been discussed in the recent past. He had spoken to a local retail sign store who advised the cost of a digital sign like this ranges from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The board decided to wait on this due to cost.

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **ITC-Mid Michigan Infrastructure project**.

**Board Comments:** Treasurer Pung submitted a formal resignation to the Planning Committee.

**Motion of Excused absence:** n/a

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** n/a

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette.