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BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – January 13, 2016
7:00 P.M. at the Bengal Township Hall

The regularly- scheduled Bengal Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Schafer at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Deborah Schafer, Supervisor; Elizabeth D. Ayoub, Clerk; Denice Schultheiss, Treasurer; William Kushmaul, Trustee; and Nick McDonald, Trustee.

Members of the public present: Greg Armbrustmacher, Township Assessor; Bob and MaryLu Boettger, Dayna & Adam Dailide, Mark Holley, Terry Thurston.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance to our flag was said. The agenda was approved upon motion made by Schafer and seconded by Ayoub.

After review of the minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting, a motion was made by Ayoub and seconded by Schafer to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Schafer, seconded by Kushmaul, and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Schultheiss made a motion to: 1) approve Ayoub to open a checking account at Mercantile Bank for the security deposits for hall rental, with two signatories on the account – Ayoub and Deputy Clerk Rosenbaum, with only one signator needing to sign a check; and 2) to approve a \$50 transfer from the general checking account into this newly-created account. The motion was seconded by Kushmaul and carried.

Schafer moved and it was seconded by Schultheiss to allow Ayoub to have training on Excel at a cost not to exceed \$125.00, so that the clerk can adequately track and maintain fund balances. Motion carried.

Ayoub moved and it was seconded by Schafer that the township pay outstanding bills totaling \$9,566.96. Motion carried.

Ayoub moved that our township allow the payment of \$20/hour with a total not to exceed \$200 for Kim Armbrustmacher to clean the township hall. This motion was seconded by Kushmaul and passed.

Upon request of Schafer, Attorney Gordon Van Wieren attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the Verizon Cell Tower contract. Ayoub moved that Schafer be authorized to sign the Verizon Cell Tower contract on behalf of the township as well as the supporting

affidavit verifying release of the township's property from a former mineral rights deed. This motion was seconded by Kushmaul and passed.

During public comments Robert Boettger expressed concern that the draft of minutes has not been posted on the website, stating that he believes the public is able to distinguish between approved minutes and minutes pending approval, and that he believes the public should be able to read what is happening in our township as contemporaneously as possible.

Commissioner Dave Pohl reported on events happening at the county level, specifically reporting on two larger 2016 projects: repairs and renovations to the county jail and repairs and renovations to Green Haven. The county board has reorganized and all contracts for the year have been signed.

Sheriff Wiswasser was not in attendance to present a sheriff's report.

Assessor Armbrustmacher stated that Glenn Pung's land "division" (combination) had been reviewed by him and it was satisfactory, and that it was then sent to the planning commission. McDonald, board liaison to the planning commission, stated that the planning commission had approved the land "division" (combination). Ayoub made a motion which was seconded by Kushmaul to approve the application for land "division" (combination) for the property owned by Glenn Pung at the southwest corner of Airport Road and M-21. Motion carried.

McDonald, on behalf of the planning commission, reported that the proposed zoning ordinance is in the final stages of review. The hope of the commission is that this will be presented to the board members sometime before next month for their review.

Schafer gave the board a packet of information she received from the Clinton County Road Commission with recommended 2016 projects.

Schafer reported that there has been no recent meeting of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. upon motion of Schafer.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ _____
Elizabeth Ayoub, Clerk

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