

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – JULY 8, 2015  
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; Nick McDonald, Trustee.

Members of the public present: Steve Spitzley, Kendra Weinberg, Tonia Olson, Adam Rene Rosenbaum, Mary Beth Adams-Rosenbaum, Lori Pung, Kathy Kushmaul, Brenda Zlotek, Marcia Pung.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a review of the agenda by the board, Clerk Ayoub moved, and it was seconded by Treasurer Schultheiss to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Gordon VanWeiren, attorney from Thrun Law Firm, presented changes the law firm made to the proposed lease between Bengal Township and Verizon, and stated the changes were now acceptable to Verizon's attorney. Motion made by Trustee Kushmaul, seconded by Clerk Ayoub, to approve the lease subject to our insurance company's approval.

Tonia Olson from Granger Corporation entertained questions from the Board about Clinton County's proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. After a motion made by Treasurer Schultheiss, seconded by Trustee Kushmaul, and a roll call vote of yeas - McDonald, Schultheiss, Schafer, Kushmaul, Ayoub, nays – none, the **Resolution Approving Amendment to Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan** passed and will be forwarded to the county.

After a lengthy discussion of the minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Trustee McDonald moved and Trustee Kushmaul seconded that the minutes as amended be approved. Motion carried.

Trustee Kushmaul moved, Trustee McDonald seconded that the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Special Board Meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Clerk Ayoub moved and Trustee Schultheiss seconded that the agenda be amended to add the ambulance resolution to this meeting. Motion carried.

The **Resolution to Authorize Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA) to Purchase and Finance a New Ambulance** was adopted after a motion was made by Clerk Ayoub

and seconded by Supervisor Schafer. A roll call vote was taken: yeas: McDonald, Schultheiss, Schafer, Kushmaul, Ayoub. Nays – none. Resolution passed.

Supervisor Schafer moved, seconded by Trustee McDonald, that we accept the Treasurer's Report , the Deposit Account Activity to June 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Ayoub reported that the Book of Oaths is missing from the back closet, and that whoever has it or has moved it, please return it to its original situate.

Clerk Ayoub reported that Mary Beth Rosenbaum was sworn in as the deputy clerk.

The board received a \$200 bill from Cutting Edge for fertilizer work that was not in the contract. Supervisor Schafer will ask the owner of the company to attend next month's board meeting to negotiate (REVIEW THE SERVICES OF) our current contract.

Trustee Kushmaul moved, and it was seconded by Treasurer Schultheiss, that if the board agrees to the training of a board member, the board agrees to the mileage reimbursement for the board member. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Ayoub moved, and it was seconded by Trustee McDonald, that we approve the payment of the current bills of \$121,484.47. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Schultheiss moved, and it was seconded by Clerk Ayoub, that the treasurer transfer \$100,000 from the savings account into the general checking account.

Supervisor Schafer opened the meeting to public comments, and the board heard from Kathy Kushmaul and Adam Rene Rosenbaum.

After Assessor Armbrustmacher presented the details of a land split on the Myers property to the board, Supervisor Schafer moved, seconded by Trustee Kushmaul that we approve the land split. Motion carried. Payment of \$275.00 for this land split was received and receipted.

Kendra Weinberg presented the preliminary information for a land split/consolidation on the Mohnke property. Treasurer Schultheiss moved, seconded by Trustee Kushmaul, that we approve this land split/consolidation subject to acceptable legal description and survey. Motion passed unanimously. A partial payment of \$200.00 for this was received and receipted.

Clerk Ayoub moved, seconded by Supervisor Schafer, that we approve the Spitzley site application for the property adjacent to the township hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The planning commission has met, adopted by-laws, and reviewed the Bengal Township Comprehensive Plan.

Clerk Ayoub moved, Trustee McDonald seconded that we hire the law firm of Fahey and Associates to train the planning commission and board members at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

Treasurer Schultheiss moved, and it was seconded by Trustee Kushmaul, that: 1) the planning commission secretary be paid \$50 for each meeting; 2) the other board members be paid \$45 for each meeting; 3) this is to be paid to the planning commission for the June meetings also; 4) this amount be paid only for the remainder of the fiscal year; and 5) this amount be a gross, not net, amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Schultheiss moved, Trustee McDonald seconded, that the board post on its website the board is entertaining bids for farming its property north of the hall, bids TO be received until July 15<sup>th</sup>, Clerk Ayoub open the bids and bring them to the August board meeting for vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Ayoub moved, Trustee Kushmaul seconded, that the board sign the contract with the Road Commission to chip seal one mile of Parks Road between Francis and Lowell. Motion carried unanimously and the contracts were signed.

Supervisor Schafer reported on the roads and the ambulance board.

A request was made by the MSU Extension service to rent at a reduced rate the hall for a two hour educational program for dairy producers. The board declined to change its rental rate to accommodate this group.

There being no further business before the board and upon a motion to adjourn made Clerk Ayoub and passed, the board adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth D. Ayoub, Clerk