

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MEETING 7:00 PM**

**JULY 10, 2019**

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

Members present: Deb Schafer, Nick McDonald, Bill Kushmaul, and Sharon Bassette. Denice Schultheiss absent.

Community present: Jordon Smith and Officer C. Verlinde

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.

Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **06/12/19 meeting minutes** as presented, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried. Trustee Kushmaul abstained.

Supervisor Schafer presented the **Treasurer's Report** in Treasurer Schulthesis' absence. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the report as presented, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerks Report**, discussing a recent invoice from St. Johns Fire Department (SJFD) with no residence for the township to bill. After discussing the situation with the SJFD they offered to split the invoice 50/50 with the township. After discussion regarding the situation Trustee McDonald made a motion to pay 50% of the invoice (\$500), Clerk Bassette and Supervisor Schafer supported while Trustee Kushmaul rejected. Further discussion went on regarding an uncollectible emergency run and whether the township wants to write off the \$450.00 collection. Supervisor Schafer made a motion to write off the uncollectible collection, Trustee McDonald supported, motion carried. Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the Clerks Report as presented, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid** adding the additional \$1000 for McKenna which came in after the check log was completed. Trustee Kushmaul made a motion to accept the bills to be paid with the discussed adjustment, Supervisor Schafer supported, motion carried. Clerk Bassette made a motion to move \$11,000 from savings to general checking, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

Later in the meeting it was determined that a billing from McKenna for a recent zoning approval may be incorrect, adjustments will be made to reduce the amount payable by \$675 to McKenna to allow time for Lori to discuss the charge with them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** n/a

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jordan Smith from Maner Costerisan was in attendance to review the **Audit Report for the last fiscal year**. The township was given the best possible opinion and everything went well during the audit.

Officer Verlinde gave the **Sheriff's Department Report** with nothing out of the ordinary this past month.

No **Commissioners Report** was given.

Nick McDonald gave an **update on the Zoning Commission**. McKenna pricing was discussed for a specific zoning approval and it was decided to wait to pay until clarification can be made. The process for an approval was discussed; further dialog will need to be had with McKenna to clarify when an applicant should be notified of the approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Schafer discussed **road work** projects. All gravel projects and chloride applications have been completed.

Supervisor Schafer talked about the **Ambulance Service**. Recently CAASA had their grand opening for the new building where Director Webber discussed potentially needing to increase the per capita amount per constituent. Supervisor Schafer will make arrangements for him to attend and discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

No board comments

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.