

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MEETING 7:00 PM**

**JUNE 10, 2020**

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: Erik Boak, Sheila Moore, and Lori Pung

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

Supervisor Schafer asked for updates to the agenda, Sheila Moore for Mid-Michigan District Health was added to new business. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **agenda** as amended, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried. Trustee Kushmaul abstained.

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

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerks Report**. **Hall rentals** were discussed and the hall will be available to rent again effective 07/01/2020. Capacity will be dictated by the Governor's order which is currently 50% (or 45 people), renters can setup a canopy outside, although no stakes can be used in the parking lot. If the Governor's order changes the township notify renters. **ZBA meeting members will be paid annually** for their meeting attendance in November.

**Collections** were discontinued during the Stay Home Stay Safe order, at this time we will commence with collections. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the clerks report as presented, supported by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. Trustee Kushmaul made a motion to accept the bills to be paid, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried. Treasurer Schultheiss announced that the budget for next year will need to be amended due to two payments being made to Fowler Wireless, one for last year and one for this year. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to amend the budget for wireless internet, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brenda Zlotek discussed a possible MTA grant for emergency services for townships who run emergency services equipment etc.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Assessor Mark Holley announced that due to the Governor's recent orders a second **Board of Review** will be added July 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30, he will get a notice to put up on the Township Website and on the announcement board in front of the hall. Mark prepared the **L4029** for the township and will send it to the County.

No **Commissioners Report** was given. An update was sent to the Township and forwarded to the board by email.

Planning Commission chair, Lori Pung, gave an **update on the Zoning Commission**. Chair Pung announced that she and, Planning Commission Secretary Brenda Zlotek, will be renewing their three year terms until 2023. Kurt Koenigsknect and Tom Miller are good until 2021 and Nick McDonald is good until 2022. Chair Pung wants to work with Clerk Bassette to put together a FAQ sheet for the Planning Commission to put on the Township website; they will schedule a regular meeting to start this. Tom McComb, the township inspector, will need to have his contract renewed.

Sheila Moore from Mid-Michigan District Health came to discuss Septic Smart.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Schafer announced the **additional road work** to be done this year which includes Taft Road between Lowell and Grove, Wacousta Road from Townsend to Taft, and spot graveling. Trustee McDonald made a motion to approve the additional road work discussed, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** none

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.