

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**MEETING 7:00 PM**

**MARCH 9, 2022**

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

Members present: Nick McDonald, Sharon Bassette, and Stan Sillman, Denice Schultheiss, and Eric Boak

Community present: David Pohl

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the agenda for review, Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

The **February 9, 2022 meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette, the end of the meeting time was incorrect. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the minutes with correction, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss reviewed the **Treasurer's Report for February** stating nothing out of the ordinary except that she added a new account for the ARPA money so we had an account to keep those funds separate from the general account like we have setup for the township chloride account and the road work account. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Clerk Bassette supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report** and is in line with the Treasurer's report for the month. Clerk Bassette brought back the Clerk's January Report with correction for the duplicate payment to Supervisor McDonald. It was recognized that the Clerk's Report did not include the new ARPA account, this will need to be corrected. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the Clerk's report as presented with changes, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**, for the insurance premium it was confirmed that the premium for Terrorist Coverage was not needed for the township. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the bills presented for a total of \$13,352.31, Trustee Boak supported, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Dave Pohl gave a **Commissioner's Report**. Updating the township on the 911 conversion, retirement of Larry Jerue, and Fritz Sanborn from the Sheriff's Department, and Diane Zuker from the County Clerk's office are set to retire at the end of May; April 30<sup>th</sup> is the Clinton County waste event where they will be accepting tires again this year; gave notification of the County Broadband services meeting that will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Bassette made a motion at 7:37 to close the regular township board meeting and open the budget meeting, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Clerk Bassette made a motion at 7:38 to close the budget meeting and open the regular township board meeting, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried.

Trustee Boak gave an **update on the Planning Commission** discussing that Kurt Koenigsknect's term maturity date has been extended to June 2024 and Tom Miller will complete his term to June 2022; a motion was made by Trustee Sillman, supported by Trustee Boak, Treasurer Schultheiss abstained, motion carried. **The Draft Resolution dated February 24, 2022 for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for Bengal Township** to clarify and revise the definitions on junk, nuisances, and inoperable vehicles, and revise junk prohibition and freestanding solar energy facility regulations was discussed; Clerk Bassette moved to accept the Draft Resolution mentioned above as presented, Trustee Boak supported, Treasurer Schultheiss abstained, motion carried. Further discussion included increasing the **township inspector pay** to up to \$5000.00 annually, with annual salary in the amount of \$3500, leaving up to \$1500 to pay him per court filings and appearances. Commercial solar fields were discussed, and a notification to the board that there will not be a Planning Commission meeting in March.

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Fire Ordinance**, Clerk Bassette to provide him the contracts from the prior year.

The hall cleaning bids were discussed, Clerk Bassette to provide the job description at the next month's meeting to post on the website.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Clinton Area Ambulance Service Association** \$7 per capita for the ambulance service, and the funding for the new/used ambulance from the townships. A discussion regarding using the ARPA money for the funding vs the general fund took place and no decision was made on that. The amount of the funding for the ambulance commenced and it would likely range between \$10,000 - \$15,000.

Supervisor McDonald discussed that the township would be meeting with the **Road Commission** regarding their work for the year, if anyone would like to attend, they may.

The **Board Salaries** were discussed:

Trustee Sillman made a motion to leave the **supervisors salary** as is, supported by Trustee Boak, a roll call vote was taken and everyone was in favor, Supervisor McDonald abstained.

Clerk Bassette made a motion to leave the **treasurer's salary** as is, supported by Supervisor McDonald, a roll call vote was taken and everyone was in favor, Treasurer Schultheiss abstained.

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Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to leave the **trustee's salary** as is, supported by Supervisor McDonald, a roll call vote was taken and everyone was in favor.

Trustee Boak made a motion to leave the **clerk's salary** as is, supported by Supervisor McDonald, a roll call vote was taken and everyone was in favor, Clerk Bassette abstained.

The township received a request from the **Tri County Metro Narcotic Fund** for historic upkeep. Trustee Sillman made a motion to pay \$500 to the fund, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried. Treasurer Schultheiss to issue the check.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** n/a

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.