

## MINUTES

### BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2015

Supervisor Steve Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Schultheiss, Ayoub, Mahoney and Schafer, Irrer

Also in attendance were, Dave Pohl, Deputy Wiswasser, James Fikes, Sharon Worrall, Greg Eichorn, Andrew Boettger, David Mageli, Arleita Schafer, Judy Huhn, Rick Rattner, Kurt Koenigs knecht, Jeff Eldridge, Jeff Redman, Robert Redman, Keith Thurston, Kim Martin, Kevin Burns, Beth Van Ells, Bill VanElls, Kathy Kushmand, Steven Spitzley, Brenda Zlotek, Terry Thurston, Rene Rosenbaum, Adam Rosenbaum, Steve Myers, Nick Tipper, Audrey Tensen, Judy Dershem, Ron Dershem, Eugenia Pung Paul Halstead, Lori Pung, Ken Wieber, Joan Rademacher, Ken Rehman, Mark Reck, Dan Rademacher, Kevin D'Hondt, Maxine Reck, Deb Pung, Duane Pung, Rodney Platte, Tom Irrer, Larry Wieland & Rick Rattner

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Denice Schultheiss to accept the agenda as presented, Motion Carried.

Marilyn Irrer moved, supported by Elizabeth Ayoub to accept the Minutes of February 11, 2015 as presented, Motion Carried.

### TREASURE REPORT:

Steve Mahoney moved, supported by Marilyn Irrer to accept the Treasures Report as presented, Motion Carried.

Elizabeth Ayoub moved, supported by Deb Schafer to pay the current bills as presented, Motion Carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Wieber, Dan Rademacher both spoke about the health effects of wind turbines and Renee Rosenbaum asked what other townships have done. Judy Dershem stated that she thought a tornado warning system would be good on the cell tower. Ron Dershem said the cell tower is a great idea. Lori Pung asked if we could make sure the e-mail addresses on the web site were working correctly. Nick Tipper commented about the new web site; he said it will be a good way to keep the people of the township informed. Andrew Boettger commented on the health effects of the Cell Tower and also the liability of having it on the Township property.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ZONING:

Keith Thurston, asked what liability the township would have if they adopted their own zoning. Brenda Zlotek, stated that she would like to see the Township keep its Agricultural Preservation, she also said the commissioners are not following the rules.

Kathy Kushmand, said the township needs more power, Clinton County Zoning does not care about Bengal Township.

Renee Rosenbaum, asked who is collecting information and how can it be relayed to the community. Dan Rademacher stated the county does not listen, this is a big issue, and Bengal Township is a rural community and we should be our choice to do what we want in the township, not the county.

Judy Huhn, said the County Commission does not listen or care about Bengal Township, She said Bengal Township should go for its own zoning.

Larry Wieland, said we should take care of Bengal Township.

Jeff Eldridge asked who removes them when they are no longer in use.

Greg Eichorn stated that the Wind Company has to remove the turbines when no longer used; he also stated he has an aunt that has lived by the turbines for years and never got sick.

Eugenia Pung, stated the commissioner's do not care, they just look out for themselves.

Kevin D'Hondt, asked what has made the township what it is today; let's make our own decisions for the township.

Lori Pung, stated that Wind Turbines do have Health Hazards, She supports zoning in the township, She said the cell tower will bring in more revenue for the township.

Ron Dersham, said some of the advantages of having our own zoning is giving the township more control to protect ourselves.

**Commissioners Report:** Dave Pohl stated that the bond for the court house should be paid off May 1. The Rails to trails open house will be April 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Johns. He also spoke about proposal 1. He said that the county will be reinstating the Community Correction Program.

**Sheriff's Department Report:** Officer Wisswasser stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the township

**Assessors Report:** Greg Armbrustmacher was not present at the meeting.

**Roads:** Board member will be meeting with the Road Commission to discuss next year's road projects March 24.

**Verizon Cell Tower:** David Antoun from Telesite wireless was at the meeting to answer any question or concerns the board members had about the project. It will be tabled till next month

Elizabeth Aoub moved, supported by Steve Mahoney to establish a Planning Commission and empower one the board members to obtain three competitive bids for enacting a zoning ordinance and bring these three estimates back to the board next month, Motion Carried. Roll Call vote was taken to adopt Ordinance 2015-1- Yeas: Irrer, Schultheiss, Mahoney, Schafer, Ayoub. Nays: None. Absent: None

Elizabeth Ayoub moved , supported by Steve Mahoney to adopt the new web site contract with the suggested changes. Motion Carried.

Denice Schultheiss moved, supported by Deb Schafer to approve the FOIA Policy as amended, Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Department Request: Tabled till the budget meeting.

Parking Lot: Tabled Till next month

Insurance: Deb Schafer, talked about the renewal policy, the premium has increase slightly .

Fire Contacts: Steve did say he received a new contract from Fowler Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote was taken to Adopt the Resolution for Bengal Township Salaries: Aye: Irrer, Mahoney, Schafer, Schultheiss, Ayoub. Nay: None Absent: None

As directed by the board at last month's meeting a survey was sent out with the townships tax assessments, to get input from the township residence on zoning. We receive Eighty-six responses in favor of the zoning and thirty-three against the zoning. Also at the meeting there were six residents that spoke in favor of the zoning & one against it.

Split Application for Fred Thelen: Tabled till next month

Ambulance: No report

Board Comments: Steve spoke about the County Clean-up days.

Deb Schafer moved supported by Denice Schultheiss to adjourn the meeting, Motion Carried, Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Deborah Schafer, Clerk

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