

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM

MARCH 11, 2020

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

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

Community present: Debi Price, her husband, and Commissioner Dave Pohl

The **Pledge of Allegiance** occurred, then the meeting commenced.

Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **agenda** as presented, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **02/12/2020 meeting minutes** as with the correction of the spelling of BOR member names, and correction of the date/time of the Road Commission meeting (should be 11:00am, not 1:00pm), supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss presented the **Treasurer's Report**.

- Treasurer Schultheiss moved to amend the current FY Budget for Election Supplies from \$300 to \$1600, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried.
- Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **Treasurer's Report**, as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer presented the **Clerk's Report**. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **Clerk's Report** as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer presented the **current bills to be paid**, discussion ensued. Treasurer Schultheiss moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented, with the addition of a \$25 check for Meals on Wheels as had been discussed at the February meeting, total \$5,197.39. Motion was supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Schultheiss to temporarily adjourn the Board Meeting, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried at 7:10 pm. Supervisor Schafer called the **Public Hearing** (on the Budget) to order. Discussion on budget items ensued. There were no public comments. Supervisor Schafer moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried. Trustee Kushmaul moved to resume the Township Board meeting at 7:15 pm, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Debi Price provided cards and discussed her plan to run for Clinton County Clerk, as present Clerk Diane Zuker plans to retire.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Dave Pohl gave the **Commissioners Report**. Plans were discussed relative to the County's intent to collaborate with MMHD, the 911 millage which passed, re-monumentation activity, the new green space coordinator, converting County records to electronic backup, plans for Pratt Rd property, Granger contracts for the clean community event, and some regional recycling plans.

No **Planning/zoning Commission** report was given.

Supervisor Schafer presented the updated **contract with Dallas Township Fire & Rescue** for renewal of service, with no change in the annual standby fee. Supervisor Schafer moved to approve the updated contract, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Schafer reminded that the **Road Commission** meeting is being held on 03/24 at 11:00 am, if anyone is able to attend, she would appreciate it.

Supervisor Schafer reminded the assessor's contract would automatically renew, and the existing rate, which was confirmed acceptable by the assessor.

Supervisor Schafer reminded of the previously discussed **Ambulance per capita increase** from \$3.00 to \$6.00. Supervisor Schafer moved to approve the resolution to increase the per capita \$3.00, supported by Bill Kushmaul. Roll call vote: Ayes- Kushmaul, Schultheiss and Schafer. Nays – none. Absent: Bassette and McDonald. Motion carried. Supervisor Schafer declared the resolution adopted.

BOARD COMMENTS: none

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Treasurer Denice Schultheiss.