

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD – BUDGET HEARING**

**MEETING 7:00 PM, MARCH 31, 2021**

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

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

Community present: n/a

All members of the board are located in Clinton County, MI.

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

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

The **Treasurer's Report** was given. Nothing significant was mentioned. **Supervisor McDonald** moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerk's Report**. Clerk Bassette presented an idea to the board to add a playground area, a park, soccer field, baseball field, basketball, and other park like qualities in the 2-3 acres of township land available behind the township hall, using funds raised from the Verizon tower located on the property which has been accruing income for 4-5 years now. Clerk Bassette discussed a grant through the Clinton County Economic Alliance which works with Congressman Moolenaar's office. Clerk Bassette made a motion for a Resolution to Pursue Funding Possibilities with Congressman Moolenaar's Office for a playground area on the township property behind the hall, with matching up to \$75,000 by the township, and no commitment will be made at this time until further township research. A roll call vote was taken, Bassette, yes; Sillman, yes; McDonald, yes; Schultheiss, yes; Boak, absent. Motion carried. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as given, Supervisor McDonald supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. Clerk Bassette moved to approve the bills as presented, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried.

Supervisor McDonald and Treasurer Schultheiss reviewed the **next fiscal years budget**. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Clerk Bassette supported, motion carried.

**Meeting dates and times will continue for the next fiscal year** the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, the Budget Hearing will be at 7:00 pm on March 30, 2022.

**Bank Account for Township**, Clerk Bassette made a motion to have Mercantile Bank be our primary bank and Journey Federal Credit Union as the secondary bank, Treasurer Schultheiss supported, motion carried.

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**BOARD COMMENTS:** n/a

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Supervisor McDonald closed the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.