

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MARCH 22, 2023

MEETING 7:00 PM

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

Roll Call: All here includes: Sharon Bassette, Stan Sillman, Eric Boak, Lori Pung, Nick McDonald

Community present: n/a

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, after adding Clerk's Report add Bills to Pay, and approve March 8 meeting minutes. Trustee Boak made a motion to approve the agenda as revised, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: n/a

REPORTS

Treasurer Pung gave a **Treasurer's Report** there were no changes since the March 8 meeting. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the **Treasurer's Report**, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report**, discussing how the township will handle emergency services collections for deceased people, do we continue to try to collect from the person's estate or write it off. Trustee Sillman made a motion to send all emergency collections to the Collection Agency after three collection letters have been sent by the township, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

The **March 8th meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette, some corrections were requested. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the minutes with revisions, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

The **current bills to be paid** were presented by Clerk Bassette, after discussion it was decided to only approve \$110 for Burnham and Flowers since \$3,566.00 was approved during the March 8th meeting for Burnham & Flowers. Treasurer Pung made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,053.10, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Supervisor McDonald requested we **suspend the regular meeting at 7:27 pm** for public comments on the budget, Trustee Boak made a motion to suspend the meeting, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Trustee Sillman made a motion to **open the meeting for public comments**, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

Trustee Sillman made a motion to **close the meeting** since there were no public comments, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

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Trustee Sillman made a motion to **reopen the meeting**, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

2023-2024 Meeting schedules were discussed, we will continue to have the meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We will have the Budget Meeting on 3/27/2024 at 6:00 pm. Clerk Bassette made a motion to approved the 2023-2024 meeting schedule, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

Banks were discussed, the townships primary bank will continue to be Mercantile Bank, and the backup bank with be Huntington Bank, both in St. Johns. Clerk Bassette made a motion to approved the banks for this fiscal year, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Bassette discussed the Inspector Survey she would like to have Forrest begin using as soon as possible. The board advised that they would not need to approve it, Clerk Bassette should work with Zoning Committee Chair Nolan Soloman, and Forrest to implement it.

Meeting ended at 7:43 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette.