

**BENGAL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Trustee Sillman

Roll Call: Present Eric Boak, Stan Sillman, Lori Pung

Absent: Nick McDonald, Sharon Bassette

Public present: Dave Pohl, County Commissioner

Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the meeting commenced.

Trustee Sillman presented the agenda and Trustee Boak requested that Ambulance meeting be added after Public Comment. Motion made by Trustee Sillman seconded by Treasurer Pung; motion carried.

April 12, 2023 meeting minutes were presented by Trustee Sillman. Treasurer Pung noted that the date on page 2 should be corrected from April 31<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Trustee Boak and seconded by Trustee Sillman to accept the meeting minutes as amended; motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority – Trustee Boak attended a recent meeting and reported that this will be Bill Schmitt's last term; they will continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month except for July; they have been going around to churches and giving CPR training; they discussed purchasing helmets and bullet proof vests for staff; the meeting was good, staff are doing well and the mood seemed better than in the past.

**REPORTS:**

*Commissioner* - Dave Pohl: Taxable value will be going up 5% and will be capped at 5%. Upgraded computers in police cars and approved the body cams - Bath and Dewitt already have them. They will receive special training on how to operate them and reviewing the footage will also be a big part of it. Approved business needs assessment for the prosecutor's office and hired Guidehouse to do the assessment. County made some accounting changes including GASB 87 – accounting for leases. Comm. Pohl asked the Board its opinion of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) and what its experience has been. The County has been getting some questions and some want clarification. The Board indicated that there have not been any incidents or complaints in Bengal Township. Trustee Sillman asked Comm. Pohl if the County put a moratorium in place to review the ordinance – Comm. Pohl indicated that about a month ago a moratorium was put in place for up to one year so the County could review current language.

*Planning Commission* – None

*Sheriff* – None

*Treasurer* – Treasurer Pung presented April 2023 activity report. Nothing out of the ordinary to report. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

*Clerk* – None

**Payment of Current Bills**– Treasurer Pung presented the current bills to be paid in the amount of \$12,928.88 and indicated that she had a question in to Clerk Bassette regarding the amount payable to the IRS of \$2,985.75. Motion made by Trustee Sillman and seconded by Trustee Boak to pay the current bills and to get clarification from Clerk Bassette regarding how the IRS amount was calculated, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Covid 19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) reporting was discussed – Treasurer Pung to follow up with Clerk Bassette to confirm the reporting was completed by April 30, 2023.

Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement – tabled for attorney review

Dallas Township Fire Contract – tabled so other Board members could provide information

**New Business**

Treasurer Pung stated that she will draft the summer newsletter and it will be presented next month.

**Board Comment** – None

**Motion of Excused Absence** – Trustee Sillman made a motion to excuse Clerk Bassette and Supervisor McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** - None

Meeting adjourned by Trustee Sillman at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Treasurer Pung