

## **BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD**

### **MEETING 7:00 PM, NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

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

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

Community present: Doug Steffen, Gail Watkins, Dave Pohl, Nolan Soloman, Mark Holley

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda for approval**, Doug Steffen was added after the Commissioners Report, and Mark Holley was added after the Sheriff's report. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the agenda with changes, supported by Trustee Schultheiss, motion carried.

The **October 13, 2021 meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette and Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss reviewed the **Treasurer's Report for October** explaining nothing occurred out of the ordinary for the month. The Fall Newsletter was **presented**, and Clerk Bassette requested that a remark be made about the Park Exploration Questionnaire. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Trustee Boak supported, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report**, citing that the Clerk's statement is in line with the Treasurers. Reviewed the Park Exploration Committee questionnaire to be included in the Fall Newsletter. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Clerk's report as presented, supported by Treasurer Schultheiss, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**, and also stated the board needed to ratify checks payable to the Clinton County Road Commission approved by Supervisor McDonald and Clerk Bassette mid-month that should have been included in with the October checks. Treasurer Schultheiss made a motion to approve the bills presented and ratify the Clinton County Road Commission checks in the amount of \$36,401.16, Trustee Sillman supported, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Pohl gave the **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** discussing Covid testing and shots given on Wednesdays at the Smith Hall, from 6:30 am to noon; County revenues are down this year due to Covid restrictions and court closures due to Covid restrictions; 911 services; LEAP to administer \$1.3 million in the County from ARP; sale of Rodney B. Wilson; broadband and Guidepost consulting.

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**Doug Steffen from the Road Commission** came and gave an update on the Road Commission. He discussed that there has been quite a bit of employee turnover with 6 retirements during the year. They are working on a large infrastructure project to the north of the current location to expand their operations.

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

Mark Holley, township assessor, brought the **Resolution for Poverty Exemption Guidelines**, a roll call vote was taken 5 ayes, and 0 nays, 0 absent.

Trustee Boak gave an update on the **Planning Commission**, discussing fines occurring in the township, changing definitions in Ordinance on junk, solar farm moratorium, and stating there will be no planning meetings in November and December.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No **roads** update.

Supervisor McDonald presented **Revize Government Website** to update the township website. It was decided not to pursue any updates now. It was discussed and anything minutes older than 12 months should be purged.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.