

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM

November 9, 2022

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

Members present: Sharon Bassette, Eric Boak, Lori Pung, Nick McDonald

Members absent: Stan Sillman

Community present: Doug Steffen, Gail Watkins, Dave Pohl, TJ Thompson, Nolan Solomon, Christopher Khorey, and Audrey Tipper

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

The **October 12th meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette, a change to the date in the 2nd page header needs to be corrected and the 1st paragraph on the second page needs to be removed as it was discussed at prior month's meeting. Treasurer Pung made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 minutes, Supervisor McDonald supported, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: n/a

The **Commissioner's Report** was given by Dave Pohl. Broadband is being evaluated; it is not inconceivable that it could begin in the Spring. The county is looking at its fee structure for potential adjustments, county fees have not changed since 2005. We were advised that the new 911 system is up and running, everything is going well. Interviews are being done for the new county administrator.

The board was updated on the **Planning Commission**, Treasure Pung went to the County Planning Commission as the revised township master plan and ordinance were being reviewed. Treasurer Pung acknowledged the changes occurring and she took and answered questions while there.

Christopher Khorey from McKenna attended the meeting and discussed the **proposed ordinance language**. He covered changes including civil infractions, temporary dwellings, and solar energy. The public hearing will be held on November 30th, and the it will be brought to the township board again at the December meeting.

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

Treasurer Pung covered the **Treasurer's report** updating the board on the current months business, Lori discussed that a \$70,000 transfer from Saving to Checking during the month occurred, Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as given, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

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Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report**, discussing election day. She was unable to present the clerk's report from September due to timing of the election. Treasurer Pung made a motion to approve the Clerk's report as presented, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. The check issued to Chasco was voided since it was paid the prior month. Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$36,310.83, supported by Trustee Boak, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Audry Tipper from the Park Exploration Committee presented the progress the committee has made and reviewed the Engineers that we were able to get a response for the park work from. The Board gave the committee the choice in choosing the engineer. Previously the board approved up to \$10,000 for the work from the ARPA funds, an additional \$6000 from the ARPA funds, Supervisor McDonald made a motion to increase the amount for use up to \$16,000, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

Gail Watkins, with the Road Commission, updated the board on the **Clinton Transit**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Regional Summit** event he recently attended. It was very helpful, he said.

Board Comments: n/a

Motion of Excused absence: Treasurer Pung made a motion to excuse Trustee Sillman's absence.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Nolan Soloman asked when the checks will be issued for the rest of the township employees, it was advised they are paid in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roads: The **Road Commission** was at the meeting and discussed plans for the next year. They mentioned that on November 22nd at 7:00 pm there will be a Township Officer's Association meeting, and on December 15 is the MDOT Traffic Summit.

Revise Government Website: not discussed

BOARD COMMENTS:

Treasurer Pung presented the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette.