

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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

Members present: Deb Schafer, Denice Schultheiss, Bill Kushmaul, and Sharon Bassette. Nick McDonald absent

Community present: Mark Holley, David Pohl, Larry Wineland, and Brenda Zlotek

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

Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **agenda** as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Treasurer Schultheiss moved to accept the **September 11th meeting minutes** as presented, Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried. Clerk Bassette abstained from the September 11th meeting minute's approval. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the **October 9th meeting minutes** as presented, Clerk Bassette supported, motion carried. Treasurer Schultheiss abstained from the October 9th meeting minute's approval. Due to lack of quorum from those in attendance during the August 14th meeting, the **August 14 meeting minutes were tabled**.

Treasurer Schultheiss presented the **Treasurer's Report**. During this time the Bengal Township Newsletter was renewed. Clerk Bassette motioned to accept the report as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerk's Report**. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the clerk's report as presented, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. Supervisor Schafer moved to accept the bills to be paid as changed to correct Nick McDonalds paycheck, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Holley, Bengal Township's Assessor attended the meeting. He presented the **Resolution for 2020 Poverty Exemption Guidelines**. A roll call vote was taken to accept the Resolution for Poverty Exemption Guidelines: Bassette, yes; Schafer, yes; Kushmaul, yes; and Treasurer Schultheiss: yes; Trustee McDonald was absent.

Larry Wineland commented on the **muddy roads in the township** and wondered if there was anything that can be done to charge the responsible party for the cleanup. Supervisor Schafer will talk to the road commission to see what can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Commissioners Report** was given by Dave Pohl. The board was apprised of work being done by Spicer Engineering to map out the flood plains in the County, also discussions regarding a new updated 911 system for the county advising this could cost upwards of \$8 million, and residents in the community could be seeing a possible mileage request for the new system down the road.

There was no **Sheriff's Department Report** given.

Brenda Zlotek, Zoning Committee Secretary, gave an **update on the Zoning Commission** stating that the township is on the home stretch of three year period of the Master Plan before final approval by the board at the December Township meeting. She invited township board members to attend the December Zoning Committee meeting where McKenna will be in attendance for final questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Kushmaul gave an update from the **Clinton County Area Ambulance Authority** (CCAAA) meeting he recently attended. He stated that the Authority currently charges the townships \$3.00 per capita where other counties get \$10.00 per capita on average. They are hoping Clinton County townships will agree to increase the per capita rate in the near future due to concerns of losing good workers due to competitor Ambulance services.

Supervisor Schafer discussed **road work** being done in the township, stating that we were paying the last two invoices for this year's planned road work.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Schafer discussed a meeting she had with the Michigan Township Association representative. Deb summarized suggestions they made to improve safety at the township.

Also discussed was when board members need to apply for elections; Clerk Bassette to gather information and get back with board members.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette