

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 11, 2023

MEETING 7:00 PM

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

Roll Call: Present: Nick McDonald, Sharon Bassette, Stan Sillman, Lori Pung. Absent: Eric Boak.

Community present: Linda Roof, David Pohl

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

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, additions to the agenda include: to add Planning Commission Update under Unfinished Business; the Granger Waste Management Plan Amendment and the Early Voting Agreement was added under New Business; Bridge Update was added after the Clerk Report. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes discussed, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

The **September 13, 2023 meeting minutes** were presented by Clerk Bassette for review, the minutes were prepared by Treasurer Pung in Clerk Bassette's absence. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried. Clerk Bassette abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items: n/a

Commissioner Pohl gave the **Commissioner's Report**, discussing the Video Surveillance Agreement between the County and the Intermediate School District and all the County School Districts; the Courthouse Access Policy Amendments were discussed; reminded board about the electrical transmission line meetings; discussed upcoming public hearing regarding the adoption of an ordinance authorizing and regulating ORVs; small opioid settlement the County received; Rafael Kasen has been hired to fill the Planning and Zoning director position; reminded about Clinton County Township Officer's Association meeting on November 21st at 7:00 pm at the new Road Commission.

Planning Commission Report – n/a

Linda Roof gave a **Delegate Report**, discussing the law enforcement appreciation event was a success, stating they had a very good law enforcement turnout and most departments in the county were represented; she advised that delegates George and Elizabeth Ayoub will be moving from the township.

Sheriff Report – n/a

Treasurer Pung presented the **Treasurer's Report**, updating the board of the non-monetary changes that have been made to the budget report to make it a bit more user friendly; she reviewed the transaction report and advised nothing out of the ordinary. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

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Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk's Report**, discussing her findings on the phone bill, a park update, an example chair to purchase. After discussing that the current phone plan is a grandfathered plan and required a phone line, we cannot drop that requirement, the new plans can range from 1 year to 3 years and would run about \$55/month which saves about \$70/mth. Trustee Sillman made a motion to go with a 3 year plan, Treasurer Pung supported, motion carried. Clerk Bassette advised that the first Park grant the township applied for was a finalist, but did not get the grant ultimately, the park committee will meet and come up with a plan to move forward with other opportunities. A chair was shown to the board to possibly replace 20 that have broken, the cost was \$24.99/chair. Treasurer Pung asked questions regarding hall rental cancellations, currently we refund cancellations, it was decided that the hall rental paperwork would need to be reviewed and possible changes could be made, this will be added to the agenda for November. Trustee Sillman made a motion to purchase 20 black chairs at \$24.99 and accept the Clerk's Report as presented, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

The **current bills to be paid** were presented by Clerk Bassette. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approved the bills to be paid in the amount of \$11,688.21, and to correct the check number for Hart Intercivic, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor McDonald gave an **Ambulance Report**, stating that ambulance services audit was done and they received a clean audit.

Supervisor McDonald discussed that other townships have approached Bengal Township's **Planning Commission** about joining Bengal Township's PC.

NEW BUSINESS

The **Granger Part 115 Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Resolution** was presented to the board for approval, there were questions, and it was decided to invite Granger to the township to discuss what this is about. Supervisor McDonald will request they attend the November meeting.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Early Voting Agreement** for approval to sign, discussion commenced about costs and a motion was made to sign the agreement by Treasurer Pung, supported Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

Stan Sillman made a motion to **excuse Trustee Boak's absence for this meeting**, supported by Treasurer Pung, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – n/a

BOARD COMMENTS:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette.