

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 9, 2019

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

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

Community present: Lori Pung, Sarah Huyser, and C. Verlinde

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.

The August 14, 2019 and September 11, 2019 **meeting minutes** were tabled since members present from each meeting were insufficient to make a quorum.

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

Clerk Bassette presented the **Clerk's Report**. PA 23 of 2019 amended act regulating the division of land PA288 of 1967 where land split applicants will need to obtain a certificate from the county treasurer stating all property taxes and special assessments are paid for the preceding 5 years at a cost of \$5.00. It was decided that this certificate would be required prior to submitting land division applications to the administrator. Clerk Bassette also discussed a recent zoning application that was sent an approval prior to the township seeing the application and verifying that payment had been received; Lori Pung will talk with Chris at McKenna regarding our process for zoning applications. Supervisor Schafer made a motion to accept the Clerk's report, supported by Trustee Kushmaul, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **current bills to be paid**. Clerk Bassette moved to accept the bills to be paid as presented, supported by Supervisor Schafer, motion carried. Additionally Clerk Bassette made a motion to move \$100,000 from savings to the general checking account, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sarah Huyser stopped by to announce she is running for the County Prosecutor and talked about why she wants to be elected for the position.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Commissioners Report** was given by Dave Pohl. Dave discussed the upcoming census, tire recycling grant received again this year, updates on the possible county park in the Southeast side of the county, and the new 911 system to be purchased.

Deputy Verlinde gave the **Sheriff's Department Report**; he advised that everything is going well in the township.

Lori Pung gave an **update on the Zoning Commission** and requested that the board approve the Master Comprehensive Plan (MCP) for distribution which includes the complete street plan as required. Clerk Bassette made a motion to accept the Master Comprehensive Plan as presented, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried. After approving the MCP there is a period of 52 days and then there will be a meeting for public comment in December. Lori also advised that the Interim Ordinance has come to the end of the 3 year interim period and she believes that all corrections and/or changes have been completed to the best of the committee's abilities; the Zoning Committee will bring the ordinance to the board in December for final approval. The Zoning Compliance fee schedule was presented for review and will be posted to the township website. An announcement was made that other Zoning Compliance members will be taking turns attending future board meetings rather than Lori at every meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Schafer discussed the **lawn mowing and snow plowing bids** that came in for review. She advised that Cutting Edge Lawn Care had the lowest bid of the three and that Cutting Edge agreed to extend the bid for a full three year term. A vote was taken with Clerk Bassette making a motion to accept the Cutting Edge Lawn Care lawn and mowing contract as presented, Trustee Kushmaul supported, motion carried.

Supervisor Schafer advised of the **road work** being done in the township including the culvert work being done on Bauer and Forrest Hill roads.

BOARD COMMENTS: none

ADJOURN MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Sharon Bassette.