

## BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2025, 2025 -7:00PM

Township Hall, 6586 West M-21 St. Johns MI

Regular Board Meeting

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said and the meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

**Roll calls were** taken McDonald, Tipper, Bassette, Solomon, and Sillman all in attendance.

Supervisor presented the **agenda for approval**, it was brought to notice that under section of 9.A. the title should be “hall cleaning bids”, rather than “hall rental bids”. Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the agenda with the change discussed, supported by Treasurer Solomon, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** for review. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried. Treasurer Solomon presented the **March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** for review. Treasurer Solomon made a motion to approve the March 26 meeting minutes as presented, supported by Supervisor McDonald, motion carried. Clerk Bassette and Trustee Solomon abstained.

**Those in attendance:** a man from Communityinput.org, Lynda Roof, Suzy Williams, Jody Smith, Zack Rudat.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – n/a

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Lynda Roof discussed the School Bond Proposal.

### REPORTS

Zach Rudat gave the **Commissioner Report** discussing ongoing jail build, stating that the jail previously had income by taking in other district inmates, but since the requirements have changed for taking in inmates the cells are outdated. He discussed policy changes for county commissions to be reimbursed for using their personal cell phones. County fairground updates.

Trustee Tipper gave the **Planning Commission Report** discussing the 3/26 PC meeting, Eric Ensly, from McKenna, attended the meeting and they discussed the ordinance change for the accessory structure language. He presented the ordinance accessory structure

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language changes. Also discussed were issues the township is experiencing with the required zoning application inspections and escrow returns, advising that Supervisor McDonald, Clerk Bassette, and Inspector Thurston will meet to discuss the process on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Assessor Holley gave the **Assessor Report**, advising that the BOR went fine, no one showed up for appeals, but they did have two appeals that were mailed in. We discussed copying the assessor on zoning approvals from McKenna, Clerk Bassette will be doing this. He provided the minutes from the Board of Review.

No **Sheriff Report** was given.

No **Delegate Report** was given.

Jody Smith gave the **Clinton Transit Report** advising that they are finishing up their annual report. She shared that they provided over 76,000 rides over the last year. Asked about bus/van turn over, she shared that MDOT provides 7 new buses, every seven years, they also continue to maintain all vehicles previously used and have a certified mechanic on hand.

Treasurer Solomon gave the **Treasurers Report**, sharing that the general account beginning balance was \$3,634.02, ending balance \$10,143; savings account beginning balance was \$765,828.42, ending balance \$853,093.87; tax collection account beginning balance was \$365,325.22, ending balance .25. The budget report was presented. Trustee Sillman made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented, supported by Clerk Bassette, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerks Report** sharing that the Clerk's report was in line with the Treasurer's report except for timing issues with a check in the amount of \$13.91, and a voided check. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report as presented, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Current Bills to be paid**, advising that this was the second bill they have reviewed regarding the tower agreement. It was discussed that Supervisor McDonald will discuss this with Thrun, but we should still pay the invoice this month. Trustee Sillman made a motion to pay the bills as discussed in the amount of \$4043.28, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Hall Cleaning Bids** and requested that Clerk Bassette forward the hall cleaning docs to him.

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**Window cleaning** was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The **Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance** regarding accessor buildings was discussed, Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the amendment as presented, supported by Treasurer Solomon, motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Discussion regarding the Essex Center culvert.

**Motion of Excused Absence** – n/a

**Adjournment** at 8:18 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette

Approved 5/14/25