Bengal Township Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Bengal Township Board was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Stan Sillman, Nick McDonald, Nolan Solomon
Absent: Sharon Bassette, Nick Tipper

Approval of Agenda

An addition was made under New Business to discuss township and cemetery signs.

Motion by Sillman, second by Solomon, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Solomon, second by Sillman, to approve the June 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Public present: Lynda Roof, Suzy Williams, Zach Rudat

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Suzy Williams reported a tree down in a township cemetery on Taft Road. The Board noted it will be cleaned up as part of an upcoming cemetery project.

Ms. Williams also requested the total amount of taxes collected for Briggs Library from Bengal Township. Treasurer Solomon reported that **$268,756** was collected in 2025 and noted that the library millage expired in December 2025.

Reports

County Commissioner Report
The Board reviewed the Commissioner's June update, which included:

- Early voting information and polling hours.
- Walker Road solar project update, including the referenced $150,000 state grant to Bingham Township.

- Broadband update.

Delegate Report
No report.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Solomon presented the Treasurer's Report and provided an update on the township website. General Checking began at $34,197.22 and ended at $5685.65. General Savings (Money Market Account) started at $169,642.34 and ended at $198,675.84. No unusual activity for deposits or expenditures. The website prototype is progressing well, and agendas and meeting minutes will be added.

Motion by Sillman, second by McDonald, to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills

Bills presented for payment. Discussion was noted on the following:

- Election computer
- Printer paper
- Foster Swift – $349.30
- Cutting Edge Lawn Care – $1,600.00
- Frontier – $59.99
- Consumers Energy – $99.00
- Chloride – $22,316.96
- McKenna – $2,358.75
- Insurance/Bonds (Accident Fund) – $809.00

The Board noted that the Accident Fund payment of $809.00 had already been paid and required ratification. The total bills presented for approval, including the ratified payment, were **$28,346.39**.

Motion by Sillman, second by Solomon, to approve payment of the bills and ratify the Accident Fund payment. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Township and Cemetery Signs

The Board discussed repairing the township sign and installing signs at the township cemeteries.

Motion by Sillman, second by Solomon, to approve a budget of up to **$2,000** for repair of the township sign and installation of two cemetery signs. **Motion carried.**

Board Comments

The Board discussed concerns regarding the number of hours billed on recent McKenna invoices. **Nick McDonald** will review the invoices in greater detail.

The Board also noted that Dallas Township uses a different zoning administrator that may be worth considering.

Discussion regarding future assessor contract considerations will be placed on the August meeting agenda.

Excused Absences

Motion by Solomon, second by McDonald, to excuse the absences of Tipper and Bassette. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Sillman moved to adjourn the meeting at **7:51 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Treasurer Solomon

Approved 8/12/26.