

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 11th, 2025, 7:00PM

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

A **roll call vote** was taken, McDonald, Bassette, Solomon, Tipper all in attendance; Sillman arrived at 7:10.

Public in attendance: Sara Morrison, Suzy Williams, Jody Smith, and Steve Bassette

The **agenda** was reviewed, Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried. Trustee Sillman had not arrived in time to vote.

The **May 14th meeting minutes** were reviewed, Supervisor McDonald made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried. Clerk Bassette abstained, Trustee Sillman had not arrived in time to vote.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – n/a

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Suzy Williams requested information on battery storage plants, Supervisor McDonald referenced the ordinance and Planning Commission liaison Tipper added to the conversation.

REPORTS

Commissioner Report – n/a

Trustee Tipper reported there was not a **Planning Commission** meeting.

Library Director Sara Morrison gave the **Library Report**, discussing new services available to the public, library renovations, funding for the renovations, meeting room space, summer programs, library staffing, etc.

Township Assessor Report – n/a

Sheriff Report – n/a

Delegate Report – n/a

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The **Clinton Transit Report** was given by Jodi Smith, advising that the Transit has been very busy, describing that they have the largest transit area in the lower peninsula, with 50 staff members, they keep the transit running smoothly throughout the county.

Treasurer Solomon gave the **Treasurer Report**, advising everything is in good order, the general checking beginning balance is \$12,234.37 and the ending balance was \$37,572.07; the savings beginning balance was \$853,703.12 and the ending balance is \$845,834.74. The Newsletter was reviewed, and changes were made to add information regarding the Verizon work being done in the township, and other corrections were discussed and made. Treasurer Solomon advised that since he began managing the website Blue Host has made changes to the processes, and the website needs to be updated as required by State, discussion on this will continue at future meetings. Clerk Bassette made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette gave the **Clerk Report**, advising everything is in line with the Treasurers Report. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the Clerks Report, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **Current Bills to be Paid**, the check issued to the City of St. Johns for the standby fire payment was discussed, check number 4411, in the amount of \$1950 will be void. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the bills, less check #4411, in the amount of \$34,353.11, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The **Hall Cleaning bids** were tabled.

The **Rails to Trails bids** were tabled.

The **Fire and Rescue Contract – St. Johns** was tabled.

The **Tree trimming bids** were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Comments – n/a

Motion of Excused Absence – n/a

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Bassette