

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 12th, 2025

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

A **roll call vote** was taken by Clerk Bassette: McDonald, Solomon, Bassette, Tipper, and Sillman were all in attendance.

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review, Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the agenda with changes to add the Jandernoa PA116 application to New Business, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented the **October 8, 2025 minutes to be approved**. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the minutes with changes to the date and remove Nick Tipper's name from the Planning Commission update since he was absent that meeting, supported by Treasurer Solomon, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda items – n/a

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - n/a

REPORTS

The **Commissioner Report** was given by Zach Rudat. Clinton County Transit has been allowing riders who are traveling to food banks etc. to ride free during the government shutdown. New finger printing equipment has been added at the Couty Clerks office, it is about the same as what we have at the Sheriff department. The contract with LEAP is up for county renewal, a committee was called to discuss the program, a committee vote resulted in failure with a 3 to 3 vote. The chair of the County Commission, Bruce Delong, said if it is presented to the board, he would vote to approve it.

Trustee Tipper discussed the **Planning Commission**. There was not a meeting last month, he has nothing to report.

Library Report - n/a

Township Assessor Report - n/a

St Johns Fire Chief Report n/a

Clinton County Road Commission Report - n/a

Sheriff Report - n/a

Delegate report was given. Delegate Suzie Williams discussed gravel on Centerline Road, Supervisor McDonald will check if it has been scheduled for gravel, if not we can see about adding it to next year's gravel work. Someone requested who the current contact is for Bengal Township, Jason Hengsbach is the contact at the Road Commission for Bengal.

Jodi Smith gave an update on the **Clinton Transit**. The transit had a planning day last week to work toward Sunday Service rides, ridership really would like to have it added, but there are obstacles that need to be figured out to begin that service.

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Clinton Area Ambulance**, currently, over the last few months, they have been working toward a Human Resource packet for employees and new hires. He advised that ambulance runs are currently down, checking around with other ambulance services it was determined that other ambulances are experiencing the same slowdown as CAASA.

Treasurer Solomon gave the **Treasurer Report**. The checking beginning balance was \$5,988.48, the ending balance \$13,337.86. The savings beginning balance \$392,288.86, ending balance \$365,496.85. The two \$250,000 Certificates of Deposit are paying off, since we moved the funds to CDs we earned \$3,207.99 interest in the first month. Treasurer Solomon gave an update on the township website progress, he advised it is coming along; needing an update are the ZBA membership for the website, it was realized that another member is still needed for the committee. Currently we have Adam Dailide (chair), Audrey Tipper, Tanner White from PC, Sharon Bassette; also discussed with the Planning Committee membership, which includes Brandy Solomon (chair), Brenda Zlotek, Nick Tipper, Tanner White and we are still waiting for an answer on one other person. We will need to check out the membership terms for the Planning Commission and ZBA members to see whose term needs renewed, Supervisor McDonald will work on getting it and he will put it on next month's agenda. The newsletter was discussed and changes were made. Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

Clerk Bassette presented and reviewed the September and October **Clerk's Report** stating that after correcting September's report adding the interest income left off last month's report she reconciles through October. Treasurer Solomon made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report as presented, supported by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

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The current bills were presented to pay, Trustee Sillman made a motion to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$40,072.70, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor McDonald discussed the **Foster Swift Overlay Conversion**, is this something that we want to go ahead with? The township currently is included with the appeal process against the changes that were made by the state, if that is not allowed to continue as it was approved, there will be no need for the overlay conversion to be done. With the uncertainty of the appeal, it was decided that Supervisor McDonald would check on the pricing and we will return back to the topic again in January.

Clerk Bassette presented the Jandernoa PA116 application for 101.93 acres on the corner of Walker and Wacousta, Trustee Sillman made a motion to the approve as presented, supported by Trustee Tipper, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Comments – n/a

Motion of Excused Absence – n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Basstte