

BENGAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2024 -7:00PM

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

Budget Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the meeting commenced.

Call to Order at 7:03 PM – Roll Call – present: Sillman, McDonald, Solomon; absent – Bassette, Boak

Supervisor McDonald presented the **agenda** for review. Treasurer Solomon made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Sillman, motion carried.

Public in Attendance: None

Treasurer Solomon gave the **Treasurer Report on the Savings Account** – no changes since the last meeting on 3/13/24 – balance is still \$635,933.38.

Clerk Report – n/a

Supervisor McDonald motioned to suspend the meeting for **Public Comments on Budget** at 7:05 PM. No public was present. Regular meeting was reinstated at 7:06 PM.

The proposed **Budget** was amended to adjust the expenditure line item for Office Internet to “Office Internet/Emails” with a budget of \$2300. The chloride budget was revised since the 3/13/24 meeting based on an updated notice. Trustee Sillman motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as amended, supported by Treasurer Solomon, motion carried.

The **Schedule for Meetings, Time & Dates** was reviewed. Trustee Sillman motioned to approve the schedule for meetings as the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM with a second meeting on the third Wednesday of March 2025 for the Budget Meeting. Treasure Solomon seconded, motion carried.

Regarding the **Bank Account for the Township**, Trustee Sillman motioned to leave accounts as they have been with no changes to banks, supported by Treasurer Solomon, motion carried.

Board Comments – None

Supervisor McDonald motioned to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Treasurer Solomon

A new vendor for our Audit was proposed to be Seigfried Crandall PC with a three year contract. Trustee Sillman motioned to approve the new auditors with annual fees of \$5600, \$5800, and \$6000 respectively on a three year contract; Trustee Boak seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments – n/a

Motion of Excused Absence – Trustee Sillman motioned to excuse the absence of Clerk Bassette due to extenuating circumstances, supported by Trustee Boak. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Treasurer Solomon.