#### **BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

### November 12, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Clerk Jana Bishop. Absent: Trustee Jake Ypma

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2024 were approved. Moved by A. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

M. VanSyckle spoke to MTA attorney and was informed that the clerk pay issue needed to be addressed before the election. No further action.

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2024	\$ 598,084.17
Receipts:	\$ 46,118.56
Disbursement/Bills:	\$ 21,694.67
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2024	\$ 622,508.06

# Money Market - October 2024

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$387.77	\$111,699.96
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$188.42	\$ 54,275.67
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.74	\$ 64,599.72

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Pest Control:** Orkin requires a 60-day cancellation notice. Orkin will provide one more treatment and then the new contractor (McCloud) will take over.

**Elections:** The elections went smoothly. We had a 71% turnout for the township. Thanked deputy clerk and election workers.

**Budget:** Still working on the Revenue and Expenditure Report. Discussion about \$3,000 over-commitment in ARPA Fund. C. VanSyckle made a motion to move \$3,000 from General Fund and reduce the ARPA report by \$3,000. Supported by A. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

Drains Line Item: Discussion and clarification regarding what is included in the budget item.

**BS&A:** The final payment has been made. J. Bishop made motion to move remainder of \$11,250 from the General Fund to ARPA Fund. Supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** A. VanSyckle moved to pay the bills as presented, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Clerk Pay:** M. VanSyckle stated that she had spoken with MTA attorney and found out that if the board wanted to lower the clerk wages it had to be done before the election. This issue cannot be addressed again without the issue being put on a ballot for the township to vote. There is a process to do this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Birch Board:** C. VanSyckle solicited for a replacement member to the Birch Board as A. VanSyckle is stepping down. Duties would include the Treasurer responsibilities.

**Cemetery Markers:** J. Bishop presented a cleaned cemetery marker. The cost from a Battle Creek company was \$12-\$15 each. She suggested asking the Boy Scouts or 4H group to take over cleaning the remaining markers as a community project. She will reach out to both groups.

Flag Pole Lighting: On election day, we received complaints from voters that the flag pole was not lit. J. Bishop will obtain a solar light for the flag pole.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Bruce Campbell provided an update on county commission activity including committee appointments, conservation easements and the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement. Eric Zuzga, the new County Administrator, will be visiting all Barry County townships.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

L. Randall complimented the clerk on her job of running the elections.

Mike? asked for clarification regarding the Middleville TIFF project, the transfer of money from the jail fund to the contingency fund and the status of the Baltimore Township zoning project. B. Campbell provided an explanation of the TIFF project and tax implications. C. VanSyckle reported that an attorney will be at the December meeting to discuss the zoning project.

- G. Willison asked about the process to have dead deer removed from property. C. VanSyckle will provide the phone number to call.
- J. Bishop stated that the Board of Canvassers has not yet certified the election. After that is completed, then the new officers can be sworn in.
- C. VanSyckle filed a complaint with the Road Commission about the bump on Dowling Road. They needed more complaints. He urged residents to contact the Road Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Chris van by

Date

Jana Bishop, Clerk

Date