

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2025

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Kelli Case, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Clerk Jana Bishop, Trustee April Taggart.

ABSENT: none

Meeting called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Invocation led by J. Bishop

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Bishop requested to amend agenda to add Budget Amendments to Clerks Report and add BS&A Assessor Usage and I.T. Needs to New Business.

G. White discussed the Barry County Friend of the Court Building and the County budget.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of April 8, 2025 were approved. Moved by A. Taggart, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of March 31, 2025	\$ 676,938.68
42 Checks/Debits:	\$ 16,212.76
9 Deposits/Credits:	\$ 45,889.00
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2025	\$ 706,614.92

Money Market Accounts – April 30, 2025

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Consumers	\$379.28	\$114,040.95
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$199.38	\$ 55,434.72
Savings @ Consumers CU	\$ 5.31	\$ 64,613.29

Discussion about the purchase of new hall/office chairs. K. Case moved to order 75 hall chairs and three office chairs for \$3,484, supported by J. Bishop. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Budget Amendments: J. Bishop moved to amend Township Board budget line item as below, supported by K. Case. Motion carried.

101-101-900.000 - Printing and Publishing
Cost to Advertise cell phone numbers
Original Budget \$100.00
Increase by \$154.45
Revised Budget \$254.45

J. Bishop moved to amend Technology budget line item as below, supported by A. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

101-268-778.000 – IT Hardware

Supervisor Quote for new year (old one had expired)

Original Quote was \$1292.96

New Quote is \$1375.96

Increase of \$83.00

Clerk Quote for new year (old one had expired)

Original Quote was \$385.96

New Quote is \$386.97

Increase of \$1.01

Original Budget \$5,100.00

Increase by \$84.01

Revised Budget \$5184.01

Key Cleaning Contract: J. Bishop moved to renew Key Cleaning contract, supported by C. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

D.K. Election Synopsis: J. Bishop reported we had four in-person voters. She mentioned that D.K. schools will hold a millage election in August.

Cemetery Updates: J. Bishop reported that shed work has been completed at Striker and will be completed next week at Dowling. Additional discussion about the outhouse and topsoil projects. Veteran flags will be placed by Memorial Day.

Planning Commission Meeting: J. Bishop reported that Baltimore Township will be on the 5/27/25 agenda regarding a request for assembly operations by Wengerts.

Training: J. Bishop reported that she will be attending a one-day training for ESTA (earned sick leave) at a cost of \$125. Mileage may also be involved.

Contracts Update: J. Bishop reported that the lawn care, snow plowing and sexton contracts have been completed and signed. All contracts went to Lamberts.

Interest Issues: J. Bishop reported that MEI has made repairs to the internet system and they recommend that the firewall be replaced.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Shed Update: C. VanSyckle reported that he has received a bid from Yoders for a 12x20 shed. He will place the order.

MARIJUANA REPORT: A. VanSyckle discussed a recommendation to prorate a new Green Generations license fee. C. VanSyckle moved to prorate the grow license application fees for Green Generations, supported by A. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

Library Report: none.

Fire Department Report: none.

APPROVE WARRANTS: Motion by K. Case to pay the bills as presented, supported by A. Taggart. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning: K. Case reported that a meeting was recently held and another meeting will be held in August with Rutland Township and a planning expert. J. Dull discussed the current solar installation project in Johnstown Township and his concerns and dissatisfaction with the process.

Phone Update: J. Bishop discussed that the office land lines have been disconnected. A notice was placed in the local paper.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mercy Ambulance: Discussion about the current situation and possible costs and options.

Add A. Taggart Bill to Phone Bill: K. Case made a motion to include Trustee Taggart's phone bills for monthly reimbursement, supported by C. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

BS&A for Assessor: J. Bishop reported that the assessor has opted out of the cloud version of BS&A and is using the .net version instead. This will lead to future costs to convert the data to the cloud. J. Bishop to check into assessor contract and draft letter through the attorney regarding training.

I.T. Needs: Discussion about the update of new laptops for the Supervisor and Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: B. Campbell discussed recent County Commission activity including: board and commission appointments, county position updates, abolishing the Barry County Jury Board, surveyor agreements, Register of Deeds fees and the F.O.C. building status.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

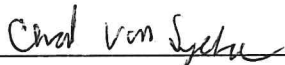
S. Stanton discussed the problem of tires being thrown along the roadside. She asked if the township would pay people to pick up the tires.

G. White discussed the jail stakeholder committee.

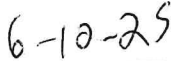
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

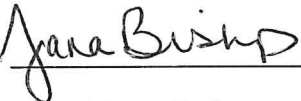
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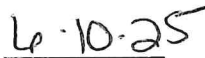
Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor



Date



Jana Bishop, Clerk



Date