

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2025

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

ABSENT: none

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Invocation led by J. Bishop

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

G. Williamson reminded board members to use the microphones.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of June 10, 2025 were approved. Moved by A. VanSyckle, supported by J. Bishop. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of June 2, 2025	\$ 697,280.73
30 Checks/Debits:	\$ 20,671.81
6 Deposits/Credits:	\$ 139,691.11
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$ 816,300.03

Money Market Accounts – June 30, 2025

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Consumers	\$381.71	\$114,791.00
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$194.32	\$ 55,822.60
Savings @ Consumers CU	\$ 5.31	\$ 64,624.09

Future reports will include more detailed information regarding marijuana and restricted funds.

K. Case moved to reduce the township tax from .82 to .62, supported by A. Hard. J. Bishop expressed concern about budget implications. A. VanSyckle suggested waiting until the next month after the zoning meeting. K. Case rescinded motion and suggested to table the proposed change until next month after more information regarding marijuana funds is available. Continued discussion about marijuana funds used for planning and zoning and other expenses and usage of restricted funds.

BIRCH Fire Department Board: Jim Partridge from BIRCH Fire Department Board discussed Barry County emergency calls and Birch ambulance services and needs. Seeking \$25,000 from each township for purchase of ambulance for BIRCH. Chief Mark Jordan discussed future plans for Birch ambulance services and call increases.

C. VanSyckle moved to spend up to \$25,000 for purchase of ambulance for Birch Fire Department, supported by K. Case. Roll call vote: J. Bishop – yes, A. VanSyckle, - yes, A. Hard – yes, K. Case – yes, C. VanSyckle – yes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Election Equipment: Maintenance was completed on 6/30/25.

Delton-Kellogg Millage Election: Baltimore township constituents will vote at Johnstown Twp. Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. As required by statute, the clerk will be at the Baltimore Township office on Saturday, August 2nd from 8 to 4 and Tuesday, August 5th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Firewall Installation: will be completed Thursday, July 10 by VC3.

Budget Adjustments: Request to increase budget line item 01-101-701.000 by \$375 for Annuity administrative fees – to be taken from the General Fund. Request to increase budget for line item 01-101-900.000 by \$200 to cover copier expenses through the end of the fiscal year – to be taken from the General Fund. Request to increase Treasurer's Postage by \$50 – to be taken from the General Fund. Move to make budget adjustments by J. Bishop, support by C. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

Clerk Retreat: Discussion about J. Bishop attending the MTA Clerk retreat. Tabled until next month.

Restricted Funds: J. Bishop reported that the Marijuana restricted funds total approximately \$500,000.

Cemetery Foundation: J. Bishop discussed a misunderstanding regarding the placement of a plot foundation resulting in a \$150 in expenses. J. Bishop moved to reimburse Lambert's \$150 for foundation, supported by K. Case. Motion carried.

Hay Mowing: Discussion about mowing the hay near the township hall.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Assessor: C. VanSyckle discussed the issues related to the assessor and the switch to the BS&A cloud. If the current assessor fails to use the cloud version, the township may look elsewhere for assessor services.

Shed Delivery: The new shed will be delivered on Monday, July 14.

MARIJUANA REPORT:

Josh Smallwood Application: Discussion about adjusting the application fees. Tabled until next month.

Library Report: none.

Fire Department Report: none.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning: K. Case reported the next meeting is scheduled for August 11.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Hall Chairs: Discussion about the weight limit.

Hall Power-wash: Discussion about the need for power-washing the township hall. C. VanSyckle will obtain quotes.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: B. Campbell discussed recent County Commission activity including: PACE special assessment agreement, opioid settlement funds, severe federal budget cuts to the health department, and purchase of in-car and body camera equipment for the sheriff office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Willison asked for clarification of the August zoning meeting.

S. Williamson asked when the proposed tax decrease would be effective.

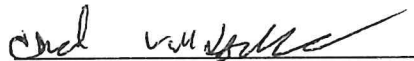
M. Ade asked about MEI expansion for fiber optic.

Discussion about the Johnstown solar project.

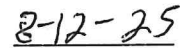
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

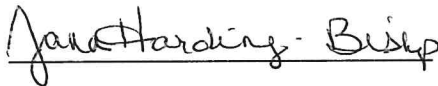
ATTESTED BY:



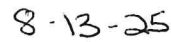
Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor



Date



Jana Bishop, Clerk



Date