

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2025

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

ABSENT: none

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

Invocation led by J. Bishop.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

G. Williamson expressed concern about the conditions of the township roads.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of July 8, 2025 were approved. Moved by J. Bishop, supported by A. Hard. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2025	\$ 816,300.03
30 Checks/Debits:	\$ 105,344.41
6 Deposits/Credits:	\$ 14,693.09
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2025	\$ 725,648.71

Money Market Accounts – July 31, 2025

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Consumers	\$370.70	\$115,161.70
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$174.95	\$ 55,997.63
Savings @ Consumers CU	\$ 5.49	\$ 64,629.58

L-4029 Form for Township Tax Levy: K. Case moved to reduce the township tax from .82 to .62, supported by A. Hard. Discussion about future planning and zoning expenses, potential savings and excess marijuana funds. Roll call vote: A. VanSyckle – yes, A. Hard – yes, K. Case – yes, C. VanSyckle – yes, J. Bishop – yes. Motion passed.

K. Case reported that more time is needed with Rehman to complete balancing the accounts. K. Case moved to pay for six additional hours and approval of 30-minute overage on first visit, supported by C. VanSyckle. All Ayes. Motion passed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

New Deputy Clerk: Introduced Wayne Rose who will be assuming the duties of deputy clerk.

Dave's Security: With the termination of the township land line, issues have developed with the security cameras and service. J. Bishop moved to spend \$150 for a box and \$10/monthly monitoring fee, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

Jana's Training: J. Bishop wishes to attend clerk training provided by MTA. C. VanSyckle moved to increase the Clerk Training & Education Budget (101-215-960.000) by \$800, supported by J. Bishop. All ayes. Motion passed.

ARPA: J. Bishop is awaiting a spending update from the County Drain Commissioner's office. J. Bishop will contact the office again.

Worker's Comp: Discussion about coverage of worker's comp requirements for township vendors.

Barry County Chamber of Commerce: J. Bishop inquired about the township's interest in partnering with the Chamber. Offer was declined.

Budget Adjustment: Due to increase in hall rentals, J. Bishop moved to increase the Hall Wages budget (101-265-702.000) by \$700, supported by A. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

Hall Rental Agreement: J. Bishop stated she is working on an updated hall rental agreement.

BS&A Costs: J. Bishop reported that estimated September BS&A costs will be around \$11,000. She will review before the September board meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Assessor: C. VanSyckle reviewed the assessor's response to the BS&A cloud issues. Discussion about replacing the current assessor. C. Vansyckle moved to terminate the agreement with Scott Anderson effective 9/30/25, supported by K. Case. Roll call vote: J. Bishop – yes, A. VanSyckle – yes, A. Hard – yes, C. Vansyckle – yes, K. Case – yes. Motion passed.

Shed: The new shed has been installed. Shelving is still needed.

Power Washing: Discussion about the need of power washing the township hall. C. VanSyckle will obtain quotes.

MARIJUANA REPORT:

Discussion about reducing license fees and asking marijuana growers to make donations to the township. Additional discussion about restricted funds and updating ordinances. C. VanSyckle moved to charge \$5,000 for the first license and \$2,500 for each additional license, supported by K. Case. Roll call vote: A. VanSyckle – yes, A. Hard – yes, C. VanSyckle – yes, K. Case – yes, J. Bishop – yes. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning: K. Case discussed the recent planning and zoning informational Q&A meeting. She will prepare a cost-benefit analysis and present to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security System: Discussion about upgrading the current security system with new cameras.

Library Event: J. Bishop mentioned that the library is hosting a summer ride-in movie at 6:45 on Thursday.

Birch: A. VanSyckle reported that the new ambulance went into service today. Mercy Ambulance is going out of business at the end of the year. Discussion about future service, replacement and future payments to Mercy.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Willison asked about budget amendments and balancing revenues/expenses.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

9-9-25

Date

Jana Bishop

Jana Bishop, Clerk

9-9-25

Date