

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 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 and the Amish training their horses on public roads.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of October 11, 2025 were approved. Moved by A. VanSyckle, supported by A. Hard. All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: M. Bean presented her October Assessor's Report. She mentioned there are several issues that need to be addressed to bring the database current and reliable. After she completes the sizeable backlog of sales entries, permits, inspections, splits and issues, she will be able to develop a full plan for going forward. There will not be a board review meeting for next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2025	\$ 681,982.64
Checks/Debits:	\$ 27,829.82
Deposits/Credits:	\$ 55,131.78
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2025	\$ 709,284.60

Money Market Accounts – October 31, 2025

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Consumers	\$385.57	\$115,931.56
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$170.90	\$ 56,520.08
Money Market @ Consumers CU	\$ 15.93	\$ 64,624.40

Winter taxes will be lower this year because of the expiration of the Thornapple Manor assessment and the township tax decrease. The newsletter will be included with the winter taxes.

CLERK'S REPORT:

J. Bishop moved to amend agenda for following budget increases, supported by K. Case. Motion passed.

- Increase 101-262-702.000 Elections – Salary & Wages by \$2,000.00 to cover election wages. Reimbursement from the school districts is received for most of the increase.
- Increase 101-235-850.000 Township Hall – Telephone by \$1,000.00 to cover internet at the hall and cell phone costs to Boost.

- Increase 101-268-777.000 Technology – IT Subscription by \$1,852.52 to cover three months of VC3 contract (\$1,497.50) and Assessor's Microsoft as well as Clerk (\$354.93).
- Increase 101-268-778.0000 Technology – IT Hardware by \$810.00 to cover the Assessor's new computer.
- Increase 101-443-801.000 Clear Lake Weed Control by \$525.00 to cover final bill.

J. Bishop moved to increase budget as presented, supported by A. Hard. Motion passed.

Election Results: BISD

- 131 in person, 29 yes and 102 no
- 144 absentee, 54 yes and 90 no
- 1,287 did not vote

Expense Reports: Going forward the expense reports will report to the end of the month to better align with other reports.

IT Services: Clark Technical will take over township IT services effective 12/1/25.

Thank you: J. Bishop expressed her appreciation for Deputy Platte's two years of service to the township.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Insurance: C. VanSyckle should have the hall insurance quote by the end of the week.

MARIJUANA REPORT:

A. VanSyckle will provide copies of the updated ordinance to the board. Renewed Adams applications.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Security Cameras: J. Bishop has received one quote and will give to the board. K. Case will contact other townships for possible additional vendors.

Website Upgrade: J. Bishop has received two quotes and will give to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Road Commission Meeting: Meeting will be held in January, 2026. J. Bishop to schedule.

Planning Commission Meeting: J. Bishop mentioned a public meeting will be held November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Kearsarge Solar LLC project on Roy Wymer property on 817 E. Brogan Rd.

Starlink: Current internet services are provided by MEI for \$120/month. C. VanSyckle will obtain price information from Starlink.

Tiago Coipel Burial Space: Board discussion about discounting burial space. Motion by K. Case to sell burial space for Tiago Coipel at \$30.00 with board members reimbursing the township the cost, supported by A. Hand. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

G. Willison reported that land sold for \$8,100 acre at a recent farm auction.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

12-9-25

Date

Jana Bishop

Jana Bishop, Clerk

12/9/25

Date