

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – SPECIAL 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 5:58 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Approval of Agenda: J. Bishop moved to approve agenda, supported by C. VanSyckle. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Special Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss a text message sent on October 15, 2025, to all Board members, and to address any additional issues or concerns raised by Board members.

Each Board member was provided uninterrupted time to address the text and any other issues. Discussion began with the originator of the text and proceeded in order of responses.

- **K. Case:** No comment.
- **A. Hard:** Expressed confusion about the purpose of the special meeting. Stated her belief that township-purchased items should be available for public use and that the public should only be permitted to speak during the designated public comment period.
- **A. VanSyckle:** Stated that the township ordinance book should be accessible to all. Expressed that he does not feel he needs to be micromanaged.
- **J. Bishop:** Noted that the Clerk's manual specifies the Clerk is responsible for maintaining the ordinance book. She is willing to provide copies upon request, and a copy has already been made for the office.
- **C. VanSyckle:** Expressed frustration with what he described as pettiness among Board members.

Other discussion items:

- **Text Messages:** Discussion on the appropriateness of using text messages for township business. Consensus was to avoid text communication whenever possible.
- **Ordinance Book:** Continued discussion regarding ownership and public accessibility of the ordinance book.
- **Agenda Items:** Discussion on the importance of limiting board meeting discussions to posted agenda items to avoid surprises and ensure members are adequately prepared.
- **Township Credit Card Charges:** Discussion about reimbursement procedures related to charges made on the previous Treasurer's credit card and the respective responsibilities of various board members.
- **Office Security:** Discussion on securing voting equipment and the money box appropriately.
- **Moving Forward:** Board agreed to reset, move past previous differences, and commit to treating each other with respect going forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Laura Randall:** Expressed concern about negative attitudes and perceived nepotism on the board. Urged members to fulfill their duties regardless of personal feelings.
- **Susan Willison:** Recommended directly contacting the previous Treasurer regarding the erroneous credit card charges.
- **Lori Blair:** Voiced concern about the personal use of a township credit card, acknowledging it may have been an honest mistake.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle 12-9-25
Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor Date

Jana Bishop 12/9/25
Jana Bishop, Clerk Date