

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – Special Meeting

November 18, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Ypma, Clerk Jana Bishop.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA: Sarah Vandenburg the incoming County Clerk introduced herself and spoke in support of Clerk Bishop and not lowering wages. Stated that with the 9 day of early voting and our current political atmosphere there is a lot more involved than in the past. Laura Randall spoke in support of Clerk Bishop and the organization and coordination needed for this job and truly enjoyed the atmosphere working for Baltimore Twp. Shawn Benner also spoke in support of the work being done by Clerk Bishop.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2024 were approved. Moved by A. VanSyckle, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Pay: Clerk Bishop contacted MTA attorney regarding and received in writing (provided to the board and read aloud) that the information provided at the November meeting regarding the vote to lower the clerk pay, and that it needed to be done prior to the election was not accurate. The board has until noon on November 20, 2024 to vote and put a resolution together if indeed it was the desire to take this issue to a vote.

C. VanSyckle made a motion NOT to reduce the clerk's wages for this term. J. Ypma supported. Discussion involved M. VanSyckle with her comments on clerk pay, J. Ypma had comments as well.

A roll call vote was taken: M. VanSyckle - no, C. VanSyckle - yes, J. Ypma – yes, A. VanSyckle – no, J. Bishop abstained from voting since she considered voting on her own wage was a conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Township Board: The Board of Canvassers certified the November 12, 2024 election and the following will be on the Township Board effective at noon November 20, 2024. All new board members have taken the oath of office and if necessary are bonded.

April Taggart – Trustee
Aaron VanSyckle – Trustee
Jana Bishop – Clerk
Kelli Case – Treasurer
Chad VanSyckle – Supervisor

Kelli will be added to Highpoint Bank Accounts and Lake Trust Accounts – Melissa VanSyckle will be removed from all Accounts. Kelli will also be given administrator duties for the Elan Credit Card account, receive her own card and cancel the card assigned to Melissa VanSyckle.

Treasurer VanSyckle will provide all necessary log in and passwords which the incoming Treasurer will need to perform her duties.

Lumberjacks – A. VanSyckle informed the board that one of the partners desires to buy out the others. This requires board approval and will be discussed at the December Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. VanSyckle noted that the light was out at the 4 corners – C. VanSyckle will contact Consumers Energy.

S. Willison questioned if the township was paying the taxes for their employees. It was explained that the line she was seeing in the budget is for FICA and Social Security not taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

12-10-24

Date

Jana Harding-Bishop

Jana Bishop, Clerk

12-10-24

Date