

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2024

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: L. Randall inquired if she would see on her winter tax bill that they had pre-paid their portion of the assessment. M. VanSyckle stated that it will show the assessment but the amount due would be \$0.00. L. Randall also regarding the wage reduction which has been discussed for the clerk. She does not agree with reducing the wage as a commitment was made to the existing clerk when hired and it would be unethical to reduce it. Also stated appreciation for the organization and carry out of elections. S. Delongchamp from Election Source shared that having worked statewide with clerks there is a 9% shortage statewide of people running for this position. That it has become much more difficult and stressful as of late. Held up a box of Narcan and explained this was a new reality for clerks. Clerks are recommended to have this in their office for use if needed. M. Wymer asked if the township had a website. She was advised we do. T. Wymer stated the clerk pay is too high. P. Parr stated the clerk should be paid what she was hired in at. G. Randall spoke in support of the clerk and her work and integrity.

MINUTES: Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2024 were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

M. VanSyckle did some research to show that the deputy treasurer did not work significantly more than the deputy clerk as stated in the August meeting. J. Bishop apologized for the misstatement.

M. VanSyckle stated that Baltimore Twp has the lowest income from taxes based on what has been received as of meeting date, but also stated that not all taxes had been submitted yet.

General Fund: Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2024	\$ 603,480.12
Receipts:	\$ 30,255.69
Disbursement/Bills:	\$ 35,651.70
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$ 598,084.17

Money Market – August 2024 – The September statement has not arrived prior to the meeting

	Interest	Total
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$397.82	\$110,912.93
12 month CD @ Lake Trust	\$193.31	\$ 53,893.25
Savings @ Lake Trust	\$ 2.74	\$ 64,594.33

CLERK'S REPORT:

Handouts: Clerk office hours through the November election
Expenditure Report – Year to Date

Response to: K. Dull l's inquiry about the AV ballot process and if she could contact AV voters. J. Bishop reports that she spoke with Bureau of Elections they stated that calling AV Voters would not be allowed except by the township clerk and for the purpose of items allowed such as signature cure.

Voting: The reimbursement for early voting wages from the state totaled \$2,250. Public Accuracy testing to be help 9:00 AM on October 19, 2024. Early voting begins October 26 and runs through November 3. Election Commission met prior to this month's board meeting and approved the Election Inspectors and Receiving Board Members for the November General Election.

BS&A: J. Bishop asked if A. VanSyckle or M. VanSyckle were having issues with their checking aligning with the preprinted stock. A. VanSyckle stated no, M. VanSyckle had not printed any checks w new system.

Cemetery: All flags have been removed from our veteran's graves.

Pest Control Services: C. VanSyckle called several companies and only one came out. McCloud is the company and the cost will be _____ per year if pre-paid which includes a 3% discount. The motion was made by J. Bishop to enter into a contract thru March 31, 2026 with McCloud, supported by J. Ypma. All Ayes. J. Bishop will contact and coordinate the change from Orkin.

ARPA Funds: J. Bishop reported that the amount moved from General Fund to ARPA which was approved last month was \$244.00.

APPROVE WARRANTS: J. Ypma moved to pay the bills as presented, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning: C. VanSyckle spoke with Attorney Kauffman about creating our own Planning & Zoning. There was talk about coordinating the meeting with other townships who are interested in doing the same. It was determined that Atty. Kauffman would be invited to the November meeting to discuss this process.

Clerk Pay: C. VanSyckle reached out to MTA regarding this issue they said that since our November meeting is prior to the start of the new term (Noon on November 20th), the vote should be taken at the November meeting. Vote is tabled until November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

R. VanSyckle discussed contacting the road commission regarding the bump in the road on Dowling Rd near the site being cleared.

G. Willison asked if there was a dog control organization

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Attested by:

Chad VanSyckle

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

11-12-24

Date

Jana Bishop

Jana Bishop, Clerk

11-12-2024

Date