

Bridgewater Township
Regular Board Meeting
December 20, 2006

Present: Carver, Faust, Mull, Pike, and Riley.

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: 11

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Supervisor announced new public participation procedures. Each resident will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Board at three times within the meeting. Please address comments to the Board and refrain from creating dialog between individuals. There are 3x5 cards located by the sign in and residents can write comments and pass them to the end of the Board table and Board members will see if they can be answered during the conversation. Also, there is a suggestion box located by the sign in table for additional comments.

Agenda was reviewed and added a River Raisin Watershed Council report after Police Services and bills were move to the end of Other Business.

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve the minutes of November 15, 2006, after making the comment from the audience about the Cookie Exchange, change the word fundraiser to community event. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve the minutes of November 27, 2006. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Riley to approve the minutes of December 4, 2006. Passed

Treasurer's report was given by Pike. For the period ending November 30, 2006 there is \$250,143 in the Checking and J Funds. Escrows are okay. Income for the budget year is \$120,082.00, most is revenue sharing, with expenses of \$245,318.00. Treasurer will email or send monthly Operating Sewer Financials to Board members and they can decide to add any items to the agenda if needed.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board was updated on the new Website with the County. It is still under construction. <http://webdev4.ewashtenaw.org> or go to Google ewashtenaw.org and on the County site they ask Who are We and you can fill in Bridgewater and get to it also.
2. Board has changes is meeting date to the 1st Thursday of the month. February and March will be on the 1st of the month.
3. The Supervisor is receiving information from numerous sources informing local governments to be prepared for future tax cuts.
4. Wilbur Road Bridge work is suspended by the WCRC until spring.
5. At the last Board meeting the Board Amended the Mineral License Ordinance to lower its Board members to 7.
6. Supervisor shared her request to the local schools for volunteers looking for projects.
7. SEMCOG is looking for public comment on the planning process.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

A resident asked if the January agenda will be on the new Web site. YES

A question asked when the Commissions can request money for the next budget year.

A comment was made regarding the history of townships and allocating budget items.

REPORTS

Faust gave the Planning Commission report. Faust reported on the Training Seminar he attended in Lansing.

Supervisor reported SWWCOG, and excerpts from Open Meetings Act clarifications. Board discussed possible quorum situations that could arise because of the LIAA grant meetings.

Supervisor, John Porter, Mike Bisco and Randy Klager attended the Legal Defending of your Master Plan put on by Planning and Environment.

Board was updated on the 3 applicants for Farmland Preservation Board by Carol Peacock.

Written reports were received from the Assessor, Board of Review and Zoning Administrator.

Board discussed the level of detail on the ZA report. If something is denied, the Board will need more details.

Board was updated from the River Raisin Watershed and a current tree survey that is going on.

Police Services report was given by St Anuszkiewicz.

Supervisor updated the Board on the Sewer. Grinder pump at the church is fixed but some follow-up is still needed.

Building Committee held the 1st Cookie Exchange at the Hall and sent 7 packages of cookies to active local active service men and women.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident would like to know who the active service men & women are.

A resident was made urging the Board to hire Bob Hayes.

A resident commented that he didn't think SWWCOG attendance would violate the Open Meetings Act and asked for some specific names of servicemen.

A comment was made for resources for windmills.

A comment requested the Township to approve matching funds for the PDR applications.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Mission Statement-Board discussed a mission statement for the Township Board.

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Carver to accept our new mission statement "To provide our constituents with a people focused approach to public service built upon the efficiency and simplicity of rural government; where all public bodies work closely together and are responsive to the public's needs." Passed

Board will revisit how to simplify Zoning Ordinance 26 at the January meeting.

2. Board Appointments

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Riley to appoint Randy Klager to Mineral License Board a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to appoint Russ Lutton to Mineral License Board a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Faust to appoint Pam Herzog to Mineral License Board a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to appoint Earl Carver to Mineral License Board a 3 year term. Passed Clerk Carver abstain

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Riley to appoint Douglas Parr to Mineral License Board a 3 year term. Passed

Board discussed the number of members on the Road Committee and decided to leave it at 7. Road Committee does not have a meeting in January, so Board will table more appointments until the January meeting.

Supervisor shared her fact finding results after contacting 10-12 other townships getting information on the membership, duties and any support staff requirements of their Planning

Commissions. All, except 1 had 7 member boards. Our PC staffing costs are between \$18,000 - \$19,000. The average between all the others was between \$8,000-\$9,000.

Board discussed the number of members on the Planning Commission. Board discussed the lack of support from its membership to do the PC's administrative tasks.

MOTION: Moved by Carver seconded by Riley to approve Resolution 12-01-06 to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission from 9 to 7.

Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Pike Y, and Riley Y. Passed

Supervisor discuss the need for more Public Service minded individuals to serve on Township Commissions and Boards.

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Mull to appoint Mark Iwancki to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Pike to appoint Deb Corwin for a 3 year term to the Planning Commission. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Faust to appoint John Porter, Alwin Wahl and Louise St. Clair to Board of Review for a 2 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Mull to reappoint Ted Sipple to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Faust to appoint Dave Horney to Sewer Committee for a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Faust to appoint Vic Mann to Sewer Committee for a 3 year term. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Carver to appoint Amy Riley to be our Designated Representative to the Western Washtenaw Recycle Authority. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Carver to appoint Jolea Mull as Designated Rep to Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments. Passed Jolea Mull obtained

3. Farmland Preservation Board-Board discussed the three applicants for the FPB grants.

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Pike to accept Resolution 12-02-06 to approve the applications of Roger and Cheryl Ahrens for the State & Federal Purchase of Development Rights Grant Program.

Roll call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Pike Y, and Riley Y. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to accept Resolution 12-03-06 to approve the application of Dennis and Alice Wilkin for the State & Federal Purchase of Development Rights Grant Program.

Roll call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Pike Y, and Riley Y. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Riley to accept Resolution 12-04-06 to approve the application of Richard and Deborah Johnsons for the State & Federal Purchase of Development Rights Grant Program.

Roll call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Pike Y, and Riley Y. Passed

Board discussed matching a financial contribution with applications. Board decided not to take money from reserve to add to PDR applications based upon the two prior local PDR millages that were voted done. Board expressed interest in having fund raisers for the next round of applications.

4. Contract with Bob Hayes

Board discussed the language of the contract for the water study work to be performed for the Mineral License Application. Riley discussed the need to control how high the bills quit quickly. Even though this is charged to the applicant we need to do everything possible to minimize the

spending. Direction to the consultant should be given by the Supervisor or Chair of the Mineral Licensing Board only, minimizing the multiple directions.

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to approve the contract with GeoForensics, Inc. for hydrogeological evaluations.

OTHER BUSINESS

The remainder of the agenda was tabled until the January meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENECE ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to adjourned, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

Cynthia J. Carver
Bridgewater Township Clerk