

Bridgewater Township
Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 2007

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

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: 6

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Board observed a moment of silence honoring the passing of President Ford. Agenda was reviewed and added under priority business 8. Contract for School Elections, 9. Snow Plowing Contract, 9. under Reports, Assessor and MLB after Guest Speaker under Other Business.

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve the minutes of December 20, 2007, with changing #5 under Announcements MLB membership from 7 to 5, Comments from the audience will be titled Citizen Participation, seminar that Supervisor, Porter, Bisco and Klager attended is the Legal Defenseability of Planning, at the end of board discussion under 3 “millage voted down” not done, and “how high the bills get” not quit under Bob Hayes Contract. Passed

Treasurer’s report was given by Pike. For the period ending December 31, 2006 there is \$273,272.00 in the Checking and J Funds. Escrows are okay. Income for the budget year is \$142,265.00, with expenses of \$270,080.00

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board has changed its meeting date to the 1st Thursday of the month. February and March will be on the 1st of the month.

Board was updated on the new Website with the County <http://twp-bridgewater.org>

PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Board discussed the need to review Ordinance 26. Board discussed having a special meeting for it.
2. Board discussed the current Birchler Arroyo Proposal. MTA conference attendees will get additional information from conference.
3. Supervisor to continue to try to contact Bill Swaney.
4. Supervisor is looking into a Blood Drive at the Hall.
5. Mission-Focus Goals-Board reviewed Goals to support our mission.

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to accept the Goals of Simplicity, Efficiency, Public bodies working together and Be more responsive to the public’s needs. Passed

6. Board discussed possible alternative dates for Clean Up Day.
7. Supervisor to prepare a Resolution against the Local Bridge Cost Sharing enacted by the WWRC for the next meeting.
8. **MOTION:** Moved by Carver, seconded by Pike to sign Contract with the County to perform the School elections for Washtenaw Community College, WISD, Manchester Community Schools and Saline Area Schools. Passed
9. **MOTION:** Moved by Carver, seconded by Pike to accept the proposal from Green Meadows for snow plowing for 2006-2007 for the Township Hall. Passed

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A comment was made that the Planning Commission’s files are in WORD

A comment was made thanking the Township Board for getting the Mineral Licensing Board going.

REPORTS

Faust gave the Planning Commission report.

Board discussed the need to finish the 5 year reaffirmation of the Master Plan.

Board discussed possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance and consultant fees.

Supervisor reported on SWWCOG, and the increased discussions on joint regional planning.

Faust gave Farmland Preservation Board report.

Board discussed MLB amendments to be at next Board Meeting.

Board discussed having a little more detail on the ZA report. If something is denied, the Board will need more details.

Board received written report from assessor.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A comment was made that the PC needed site plan approval information from the ZA.

Faust asked if escrows for construction should be meshed with escrows from planning.

A comment was made on the difference in Federal grant moneys from Washtenaw and Lenewee County Watershed participation.

A comment was made on the need to review assessing procedures from farmland to development of farmland.

MONTHLY BILLS

Clerk proposed changing the bill date to be the week before the meeting so the list of bills can go in the Board Packets. Clerk also is going to request at the next meeting for permission to pay monthly heat, electricity, telephone or other utility bill under \$500.00 when they come in. She will then list them on the bills page, but we will avoid late fees.

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to pay monthly bills for \$32,937.20 checks 7329-7363.

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

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to pay monthly bills for the sewer account in the amount of \$17,340 52.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: Moved Pike, seconded by Faust to appoint Jolea Mull as the Designated Rep to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissions. Passed

Supervisor has invited Mark Ouimet and Jessica Ping to attend the February meeting to discuss budget issue with the County representatives.

Supervisor updated the Board on new interns that will start working with the Supervisor.

Road Commission notified the Township that they will complete the Wilbur Road Bridge project in the Spring.

Board discussed items they would like to discuss in the future. Organization memberships, job descriptions, compensation committee, sewer permit inspection follow-up. Faust will do inspection follow up.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A comment was made on the role of the Zoning Administrator issuing Special Land Use for the SMR Mining Permit.

Faust will follow up with Attorney Lucas.

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Pike, seconded by Mull to adjourned, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Cynthia J. Carver
Bridgewater Township Clerk