

Bridgewater Township
Regular Board Meeting
October 4, 2007

Present: Carver, Faust, Mull, Pike and Riley

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: 6

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

All board members, with 6 people attending.

Agenda was reviewed and added election update 4 under Other Business.

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve the minutes of September 11, 2007. Passed

Treasurer's report was given last month when the meeting was delayed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident thought the Board should approach former Planning Commission members, since the Township has already invested in their training for new appointments to the PC. Two residents hope the Board takes positive action on the Ervin Preserve rezoning.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Drain-Assessment Funds-Board heard presentation from Ron Mann from the Washtenaw County Drain Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Faust, seconded by Carver, to approve Resolution 10-01-07, to move the surplus drain funds paid by the At-Large share of the Township toward the #2 drain district from the #2 Drain District Account, and pay the Bridgewater Township At-Large obligation for 2007, in the amount of \$12,117.48.

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

Ron Mann also, made some comments on a recent Michigan Townships Association Workshop he attended.

2. Final Joint-Planning Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Pike to accept the new agreement with the Manchester Area Joint Planning Commission reflecting the addition of Freedom Township. Passed

3. Final Joint-Planning Ordinance-Board discussed an Amendment to Ordinance 60 approved last month.

MOTION: Moved by Mull second by Faust to adopt the Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission reflecting the addition of Freedom Township.

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

4. Appointments

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Riley to appoint Jolea Mull to the Joint Planning Commission. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull , seconded by Faust to appoint Amy Riley as the alternate to the MCJPC. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Riley to appoint Chris Brown as the alternate to the MCJPC. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Carver to appoint Tom Wharm to the Planning Commission to fulfill the current open term ending December 2009. Passed

5. Ervin Preserve Rezoning-Supervisor Mull has concerns over the current court rulings with the County by passing Township zoning to do as they please. Carver is concerned that the Township residents are going to have to pay for the police services for the County's park. Sharon Township currently has problems with the Sharon Mills Park because Sharon only has the State Police so the County doesn't police their own park. The County has become a victim of their own past behavior when cutting off police services, and now wanting local municipalities to pay for policing their facilities.

Board decided to schedule a public hearing for the next Board meeting.

Township Attorney Fred Lucas Arrived.

Attorney Lucas updated the Board on where we are on our current law suit with Ace Pyro, Inc. He also had recommendations on how to update our Ordinances and Procedures to make this process more enforceable and an easier process. We need to thoroughly enforcing our Ordinances and Building Violations.

Zoning Administrator Macomber presented his report on Zoning Compliance for the Enzer property.

Assessor Ryder presented a possible modification to the Assessors expenses.

Board discussed the need for a new printer for the Assessor. Board also discussed the request from the Assessor to split the High Speed Internet costs. Board also discussed the possibility of having High Speed Internet at the Hall. Assessor to investigate pricing.

6. Zoning Ordinance Amendments-Supervisor updated Board on the Amendments recommended by the Planning Commission to the Zoning Ordinance to facilitate the Wireless Washtenaw Project.

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Riley to amend Section 1225, 1238 and 1423 of the Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance, #26 as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Township Planner.

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

7. Fee Schedule- Board discussed the FOIA fee schedule and Supervisor presented MTA recommendations.

MOTION: Moved by Pike, seconded by Mull to charge the lowest hourly rate, consistent with the FOIA statute for all labor cost incurred with a FOIA request and copies to be billed at .25 per copy. Labor to be charged at 10-minute intervals. The current lowest hourly rate is \$13.00 hrly.

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

8. Sludge Removal Proposal-

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve the Synagro contract for services attached to the proposal dated 8-27-07 for sludge removal at the WWTP.

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

9. Visioning Session-Master Plan/Flag Lots. Board discussed the choices with the flag lots and open space. Boards prioritize upcoming issues for PC. Supervisor to attend the next PC meeting to help facilitate these issues
10. Sewer Tap Fees-Board discussed procedure for applications for sewer connection. Applications will be given at Zoning Compliance. Form needs to be changed to add this check box. Applications are processed by the Sewer Board

and payment is given to the sewer Billing Agent. Board expressed concern on the high tap fee, but didn't see any way around it at this time.

REPORTS-Police services will have someone else reporting soon. Other reports were given during Priority Business.

Approval of Bills

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Riley to approve Budget Amendment #4 for the General Fund.

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

MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Faust to pay General Account bills # 7642-7683 for \$29,853.40 and Sewer Account bills #1078-10 for \$2,554.67.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clean up day is Nov 3, 2007
2. Newsletter October 11, 2007 deadline to printer.
3. Pumpkin Art October 28.
4. Clerk discussed the recent preparation meeting on September 19th for the upcoming new Presidential Primary in January. Most of the work will need to be done during the Holidays. Clerk expressed the need for some additional support staff to get through the 4 elections for 2008.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to adjourned, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Cynthia J. Carver

Bridgewater Township Clerk